



APRIL GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS

- Establish warm-season annuals this month; at planting, water them in with a soluble fertilizer to get them started right.
- Annuals are great for container planting; you can find sun-lovers or shade-lovers in abundance now.

TURF

- Once you have mowed your grass twice, Apply spring fertilizer, Rainbow Gardens 19-5-9 Spring Formula.
- Good time to lay sod or seed a new lawn.
- If weeds are present in your lawn, mow and bag the clippings to prevent seeds from spreading.

TREES & SHRUBS

- Newly planted fruit and nut trees can be fertilized a few weeks after producing new growth. Espoma Fruit and Nut is a good option.
- The earlier you can plant your trees and shrubs in spring, the better.

HERBS

- Plant basil, lemon balm, and mint.
- Make plans for harvesting your cool-season herbs as they are at their peak season this month and will decline starting next month.

VEGGIES

- Veggie gardens need 1-2" of water each week; you need to supply it if the rain doesn't. Veggies grown in containers dry out faster than those in gardens, you may need to check them daily.
- Melons can be planted towards the end of this month.
- All warm-season veggies can be planted this month. Don't delay planting; next month will be pushing it to get a good harvest before the heat sets in.
- Stake or cage tomatoes when the first flower appears, place stake on opposite side of the plant's stem. (Tomatoes should already be in the ground now.)

PERENNIALS

- When planning and planting perennials, remember to keep their mature sizes in mind and space them accordingly.
- Good time to take cuttings of your perennials to make more plants.
- Fertilize spring-planted and established perennials. The same 19-5-9 lawn fertilizer works well for perennials too.