



# APRIL

## GARDENING

# TO DO LIST



### VEGETABLES & HERBS

- ☐ prepare soil for summer vegetables by adding organic matter — wait until the soil dries out for at least a week before digging & tilling
- ☐ plant radishes (ready in 1 month)
- ☐ plant most potted herbs at the end of the month — wait until mid-May for Basil

### FRUIT

- ☐ plant new fruit trees & berry bushes
- ☐ follow spray schedules for fruit; timing is critical

### SHRUBS & TREES

- ☐ fertilize roses starting mid-April & repeat monthly through July
- ☐ prune shrubs that have finished blooming
- ☐ prune late-blooming hydrangeas (*H. paniculata* & *H. arborescens* types -- don't touch mophead or lacecap types)
- ☐ prune azaleas after flowering (end of April into June)
- ☐ destroy tent caterpillar tents (open them up for the birds or throw away in a plastic bag)
- ☐ apply organic fertilizers or top dress with compost around the bases of young trees & shrubs
- ☐ cut back Caryopteris to 8"-16" & butterfly bushes to 15"-24"

### ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

- ☐ weed beds
- ☐ plant, divide & move perennials
- ☐ cut back old growth on grasses to 6" before new growth emerges

### LAWN

- ☐ seed, overseed & sod as needed
- ☐ fertilize with an organic or slow-release fertilizer or simply top-dress with compost if you did not feed in the fall

### WILDLIFE

- ☐ clean out hummingbird feeders with soap & water & stock up on nectar solution
- ☐ encourage nesting birds by planting flowers nearby that attract small insects
- ☐ apply deer repellents now
- ☐ get a start on controlling slugs