



12 Months of Gardening

April 2017

- April showers bring May flowers. It is time to get ready for a brand new growing season. New and exciting varieties will arrive soon! Stimulate your senses by checking out our Pinterest boards for some of our new 2017 varieties.
- This is the time where real gardening begins! All of the raking, pruning, digging and planting you do now will pay off when you're relaxing in your garden this summer.
- Now is the right time to apply dormant spray, which controls overwintering diseases and pests on fruit stock and other ornamentals. Apply BEFORE buds on plants open up and when weather permits. If however, the buds have already opened, you may still use the horticultural oil and lime sulphur separately during the season.
- Prepare your garden beds for planting by adding organic material such as compost. Burlap left on evergreens to prevent winter burn may be removed.
- Remove collars/huts from roses and prune leggy and spindly growth. By mid-April, you should be able to rake your lawn, repair damage and overseed bare spots. Remember that a thicker lawn means fewer weeds.
- Use a pre-emergent weed control such as Nutrite Weed Seed Inhibitor to help prevent weed growth. Apply in early April for crabgrass and again in late April or early May for dandelions, clover and other weeds.
- If weeds aren't a problem for you, fertilize your lawn with Nutrite Superturf 28-4-12 in mid to late April.
- Be prepared to cover plants such as annuals, tender perennials and Japanese Maples if there is a risk of frost at night. Pansies, however are able to handle the frost with ease.
- Start bringing your houseplants outdoors during the day, but don't forget to bring them in for the night (especially when there is a risk of frost).