

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

APRIL TIPS

Plant Hints

When the weather stays above 45 degrees, you can apply a dormant oil spray to shrubs, perennials and trees to kill the first generation of insects.

April is a good time to prune out any blackened areas on your rose bushes – cut on a 45-degree angle and thin out the center of rose bushes. This will increase air circulation to the center of the plant.

Clean out bird baths and bird houses. Clean hanging containers and flower pots in 1 part bleach and 10 parts water to kill any diseases in the pots.

When the soil is dry enough to crumble in your hand, divide fall-blooming perennials like chrysanthemums and asters.

If you are able, apply granular fertilizer 10-10-10 or 10-15-10 around perennials, shrubs and trees, but first clean the beds around your home of dead twigs and leaves.

Garden Hints

When the soil crumbles from your hand, add some compost/manure or sand to break up the clay particles when turning over the soil in your garden.

In Ohio, it is best to wait to plant flowers, shrubs, or trees until after Mother's Day or the middle of May when the soil is warmer. At this time you can set out warm weather plants such as tomatoes and plant cucumber, squash, corn, beets and green bean seeds.