



Your Gardening To-Do List For April

- Fill birdbaths and keep water fresh.
- Maintain watering on newly planted seeds and transplants.
- Deep root watering on trees, lawns, and shrubs is best. It encourages roots to move down into the soil where they will be less susceptible to moisture changes. Avoid frequent short periods of watering.
- Keep an eye out for pests as well as beneficial insects in your vegetable garden. Pick off pests by hand. Check for snails and slugs early in the morning, when they are active.
- Prune spring-blooming shrubs **after** flowers fade such as azaleas, wisteria, forsythia and quince. Pinch tips of coleus to avoid flowering and encourage bushier and compact growth. Remove spent blooms on spring annuals to promote new blooms.
- Fertilize azaleas, hibiscus, and containers.
- Mulch beds to discourage weeds, keep roots cool, and conserve moisture
- Plant new shrubs early before the heat arrives. Plant summer-blooming perennials and annuals