

Live Your Life Like a Sunflower:
Reach for the sky...Stay open...Bend with the
breeze...Bloom where you're
planted...Brighten someone's day...Grow from
the rain...Turn your face to the sun!!

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April is

National Lawn & Garden Month
15th – 16th – J Schwanke Seminars
at 40th Garden Center

22nd – Earth Day

29th – Arbor Day

Things to do for April

- Remove tree wrap.
- Bring used plastic pots to either garden center and we will re-use or recycle them!
- Cut back perennials and ornamental grasses, if not done in the fall.
- Rake and aerate or de-thatch the lawn, if needed.
- Apply a pre-emergence herbicide to turf and landscape beds to prevent crabgrass and annual broadleaf weeds.
- If fungal diseases have affected trees and shrubs, begin spraying with an approved fungicide as the tree leaves out. Follow all label directions.
- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials now through October.
- Mid-April through May – over-seed or reseed lawns
- In late April, uncover roses, strawberries, perennials, etc.
- Choose a lawn fertilizer program and begin fertilizer applications.

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April Garden & Yard Care Reminders



GARDENING WITH YOUR KIDS

by Jessica Jasnoch

Most kids love to play in the dirt. Why not take advantage of that and help them grow their own special garden? Get them excited about growing their own food by letting them pick out what they

want to grow. One fun idea might be to grow a theme garden such as a Pizza Garden. This garden would have veggies that your family likes to eat on a pizza like tomatoes (of course!), bell peppers, hot peppers, onions, spinach and mushrooms. You'll also need herbs like basil, oregano, garlic, and marjoram. The possibilities are nearly endless! Other garden theme ideas could be an Asian cuisine garden, a Mexican cuisine garden or a salsa garden.

You may have to limit the options depending on how big the garden will be or if you are planting a container garden. This may also be a good way to introduce new veggies to your kids.. if they grow it they may be more likely to try it! Some plants can be grown easily by seed like: lettuce, radishes, corn, beans, and peas. Others may do better by purchasing starter plants such as: tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and watermelon. If you are new to gardening, it may be wise to keep your garden small and stick to just a handful of varieties. It could also be fun to include some flowers for cutting like zinnias and cosmos.

The frost free date in Nebraska is May 10th, this is a good

time to start planting your garden. Get the kids involved by having them keep a gardening journal to keep track of what they planted and when they planted it. They can keep track of when they see the first sprout push through the ground to when they harvest their first crop. They might also keep track of the garden visitors (bugs) they get in their garden. Make sure they write down their favorite thing about gardening.

Pick a sunny spot in the backyard where the kids can easily see their garden. The more they see their garden the more they will notice all the changes that happen. Prepare the soil by tilling the soil or breaking up the ground. Let the kids help by marking off the area for their garden. They can also help by raking the ground smooth and by breaking up the clumps of dirt, even if it is by stomping on them.

When planting your garden keep the tallest plants, like sunflowers, corn and tomatoes, on the north end and place the shortest plants, like lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, on the south side. This will help make sure the plants will all get enough sun.

Playing with water is just as much fun as playing in the dirt. Show the kids how to water gently with a watering can or hose with a watering wand attached. Be careful if watering with a hose as not to "run over" the garden with it.

You can teach the kids about composting and reusing in the garden. Use old newspapers as mulch in the garden with a layer of grass clippings on top. This will keep the weeds out and the moisture in. Also, you can use milk

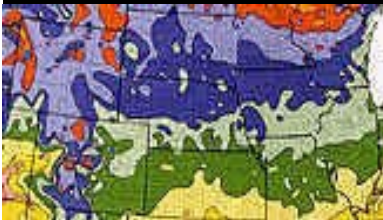
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containers and soda bottles to protect baby tomatoes and peppers from strong winds and bunnies.

If your kids don't have enough patience to wait for their veggies to ripen, let them pull up some radishes to check on their progress. They can even taste them to see if they taste different than mature ones. Make sure they note this in their garden journal.

We have many fun items in the garden center to help the kids grow their produce. We have colorful cages for tomatoes and trellises for beans, peas, and cucumbers. We have fun plant markers to mark what the kids planted, watering cans and watering wands. Also, we have many containers to choose from if you are growing a container garden.

Remember to have fun and to let your kids experiment and learn. Maybe you will learn new things too!

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LAWN PROGRAM

Now is the time to start thinking about your lawn fertilizer before the crabgrass gets growing! At Campbell's we carry a variety of different products including a selection of organic products that have really taken off these past couple of years. Below are three of our programs that we offer at a discounted rate when purchased before May 15, 2011. One thing to consider when selecting a program is if you are planning to re-seed or overseed your lawn this year. If you apply a crabgrass preventer it will inhibit the ability of the new seed to grow so we would need to replace the first step of your program with a fertilizer minus the crabgrass preventer or a starter fertilizer.

Greenview Four-Step & Fertilome Four-Step Lawn Program

Step 1: *Fertilizer plus Crabgrass Control*—Apply in **April** to dry lawn
Fertilizes lawn

Prevents crabgrass & other grassy weeds

Water after application

Step 2: *Fertilizer plus weed control*—Apply in **May** to moist foliage

Kills broadleaf weeds

Fertilizer for thicker, greener lawn

Step 3: *Lawn Fertilizer* - Apply in **September** to dry lawn

Feeds and thickens lawn after the hot summer

(Fertilome contains Iron)

Water after application

Step 4: *Winterizer*—Apply in late **October** to dry lawn

Develops deep roots so plants survive hard winters

Water after application

Greenview Fairway Two-Step Lawn Program

Step 1: *Fertilizer plus Crabgrass Control (24-2-8)* Apply in **April** to moist foliage

Strengthens, greens & thickens without excess growth

Time release feeding for up to 12 weeks

Kills dandelions and other broadleaf weeds

Prevents crabgrass

Step 2: *Fall Fertilizer (30-0-12)* Apply in **September** to dry lawn

Time release feeding for up to 12 weeks

Extended time release feeding through winter

Promotes root growth for winter hardiness and spring green-up

Water after application

Advantages of the two-step:

Saves time with fewer applications

No excess growth which reduces mowing

Time release—a continuous feeding for 12 weeks

With so much information, the decision can sometimes be overwhelming but our knowledgeable staff is available to help you with any questions you may have.

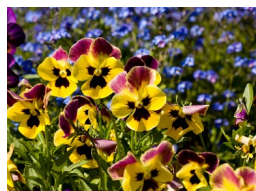
ARBOR DAY

National Arbor Day is truly a Nebraska event to honor the importance of trees in our environment. It was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872 and is celebrated on the last Friday in April. You can celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree. You can replace a tree that is diseased or no longer working in your landscape. You can add a tree to an area that needs more shade or an open spot. Hundreds of varieties of trees offer different sizes, shapes, colors and interests. A single tree can become the focal point of your landscape. A group of trees can provide shade, privacy, color, wind protection and other assets. Think green – plant a tree.



DON'T GET TOO EAGER TO PLANT ANNUALS!

April can be a month of surprises so don't let your excitement get you and your plants in to trouble. Remember that the last "frost day" is usually around



Mother's Day. Annuals and tender perennials planted before then are at risk for freezing until mid-May. One exception to this guideline is the PANSY. This cool-weather flowering plant tolerates temperatures down to the mid-twenties. Stop by either of our garden centers to pick out a batch of pansies. After all, Pansies make you smile!

Celebrate Spring with J Schwanke at Campbell's Annual Container and Outdoor Living Seminar!

Take home great ideas for your container gardens!

See the latest trends and color combinations.

Discover what's new in annuals for 2011!



**Friday, April 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 16, 2011
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

In lieu of an admission fee, please bring a can food item to support the Food Bank of Lincoln.

40th and Normal Blvd. Location Only.

PLUS! Check out our seminar specials —
Friday, April 15th thru Sunday, April 17th!

All Pottery, Potting Soils and selected
Annual Fertilizers 10% off!

Spring is just around the corner!

Call the Landscape Office now to schedule a crew to help with your spring maintenance! Our crews make your spring a breeze with trimming, weeding, raking, mulching and more!

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