

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

April means lawn and landscaping

As we move closer to the month of April, many homeowners and gardeners are starting to put their full attention on the lawn and outdoor landscaping activities.

Here is the list of April horticulture chores and activities.

FLOWERS

- Most bedding plants, summer flowering bulbs and an-

nual flower seeds can be planted after danger of last frost. This happens around mid April in Oklahoma. Hold off mulching these crops until spring rains subside and soil temperatures warm up. Warm season annuals should not be planted until soil temperatures are in the low 60's.

- Let spring flowering bulb foliage remain as long as possible before removing it.

- Harden off transplants outside in partial protection from sun and wind prior to planting.

VEGETABLES

- Plant vegetable crops in successive plantings to ensure a steady supply of produce rather than harvesting all at once. Most warm season vegetables can be planted beginning about mid-April.

- Watch for cut worm damage and add flea beetle scouting to your list of activities in the vegetable garden.

- Wait a little longer for it to warm up before planting cucurbit crops and okra.

Fruit & nut production:

- Don't spray insecticides during fruit tree bloom or pollination may be affected. Disease sprays can continue according to schedule and la-

beled directions.

- Fire blight bacterial disease can be controlled at this time. Plant disease-resistant varieties to avoid this disease.

GENERAL LANDSCAPE

- Hummingbirds arrive in Oklahoma in early April. Get your bird feeders ready using 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. Do not use red food coloring.



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