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Awesome April...Get Excited About Spring Clean-up & Planting

- **Amend** beds with garden mix if possible and/or fertilize with slow release fertilizer (we use Osmocote) when growth begins.
- **Deadhead** early flowering bulbs – leave foliage until it yellows which is a minimum of 1 month after flowering.
- If necessary **Divide** and **Transplant** Perennials when growth is approximately 3-4 inches tall. Divide summer and fall flowering perennials and ornamental grasses in the spring as needed. Every three years or so is a good rule of thumb.
- **Weed**.... While they are small and easy to pull!!!!
- **Apply** a pre-emergent herbicide such as Preen and replenish mulch as needed to help prevent weeds throughout the year. Mulch also helps to retain moisture and regulate soil temperatures.
- **Plant** cool weather annuals and vegetables: Pansies, Ranunculus, Lettuce, Radishes, Peas, Carrots, Kale, Arugula, Kohlrabi, and Spinach. Trees, shrubs, and perennials can be planted as long as the nursery stock is acclimated to the outdoors.

Spring Turf Care

- Reseed damaged areas in spring if necessary. Rake area first to improve seed to soil contact. Do not apply pre-emergent crabgrass control in reseeded areas as it will keep good seed from germinating. Keep seeded area moist till grass has germinated.
- If not seeding, apply pre-emergent crabgrass control when the Forsythia blooms.
- Begin mowing as needed making sure your lawn mower blades are sharp. To maintain healthy turf, never cut more than 1/3 of the leaf blade off in one cutting.
- Leave grass at 2.5" – 3.5" long (3" - 4" if you have tall fescue). Cutting too short can result in turf stress, poor rooting, less drought tolerance, and more opportunities for weeds and crabgrass to invade. Zoysia grass is an exception to this rule and should be cut at 1".
- Apply fertilizer in spring if desired; however, it can mean increased mowing. We like to fertilize in September & November. Reference Purdue bulletins for lawns.

Your one stop shop for all you landscape needs: We carry bagged & bulk topsoil, grass seed, vegetable/herb plants & seed, and a great variety of trees, shrubs and perennials.