

Spring Planting Tips

As spring comes, bulbs are the first to appear in the garden. Move any mulch away from the bulbs, but leave it nearby so that if a frosty night might threaten, the mulch can be placed over the bulbs for protection.

It is important to leave mulch on perennials as long as possible. Once the temperatures are above the freezing point and the perennials are actively growing, the mulch can be removed.

Throughout the winter, ornamental grasses add much texture to the winter garden. In the spring it is essential to cut down the ornamental grass to about 6 inches or just above the green growth that starts to grow in the early spring.

Be sure not to prune any spring blooming shrubs such as azaleas, spirea or lilacs. If you are really anxious for spring, force a few branches of forsythia or pussy willow for a fresh look indoors!

Don't till the ground when it's wet.