

GARDEN JOBS - April

- Check irrigation systems. Fix blocks and leaks in drip systems.
- Fertilize any trees and shrubs not treated in March with a slow-release fertilizer.
- Check for yellowing *between* leaf veins on azaleas and camellias and apply chelated (soluble) iron if needed.
- Continue to hand pick snails and slugs. Trap earwigs and snails with rolled newspaper, unrinsed tuna cans, or pans of beer.
- Feed bulb plants after flowers fade. Do not cut back leaves until they are brown. These leaves make the food stored in the bulb for next year.
- Pinch chrysanthemums back to 12 inches for fabulous fall bloom. Cut out old stems.
- Feed citrus during bloom and fruit set. Use a low dose of balanced fertilizer or fertilizer specially formulated for citrus.
- Clean out fountains, pond bottoms, stream beds, pumps, and filters.
- Clean up outdoor furniture and bring out furniture stored over the winter.
- Cut flowers from your garden and create arrangements to enjoy indoors. Try using interesting foliage from your shrubs to enhance the bouquets.
- Visit Bushnell Gardens Nursery to see what's poppin'.