

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

CREATE a cutting garden for summer by planting delphiniums, snapdragons and sunflowers.

VISIT www.RecycleSmart.org for dates of the 5th Annual Compost Giveaway. Register to collect up to three yards of free compost or "black gold" which has been recycled from the green organic bins.

FERTILIZE lawns. Spring is also the second-best time after fall to install a new lawn or refresh an old one. If you are seeding, March and April are excellent times to scatter seed, especially before a rain. My preference is <http://www.PearlsPremium.com> for an almost weed-free, lush green ground cover.

ADD to your planting list aeoniums and other succulents as they require minimal maintenance and water, even in the hot months.

CONTINUE to pick up the fallen branches of camellias. I know I'm sounding like a broken record but camellias have a long blooming season and the ones that drop will cause a rot for next year's bloom. Don't stop picking them up and don't add them to your compost or recycle bins.

STOP mowing your lawns when the grass is wet or it is raining. Hearing the growl of lawnmowers when it is pouring outside boils the soul of my inner gardener. Cutting the grass when it is raining damages the grass blades and causes ruts and compaction. Inform your "mow, blow, and go" service providers to perform other tasks in inclement weather. A healthy green lawn will thank you for your restraint.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Hello Spring!



Fluorescent fuchsia flowering peach blossoms with daffodils.



A dinner plate aeonium succulent is beautiful in all seasons.



The elegant tulip soursoulangea magnolia adds beauty and structure to any landscape.



Hellebores, also known as Lenten roses, bloom before other plants.



A close up of pretty pink freesias.