

Reminders and tips for April

- Continue watering newly planted trees and shrubs if the weather is dry
- Plant evergreen trees and shrubs. In exposed sites erect a wind break to protect them
- Spray roses against blackspot, mildew and greenfly
- Trim grey-leaved shrubs to keep them bushy
- Tie in new shoots of climbers
- Prune early flowered shrubs
- Prune shrubs grown for large or colourful foliage such as cotinus
- Divide perennials
- Stake tall-growing perennials eg Delphiniums
- Protect soft new growth from slugs and snails
- Pot up or transplant self-sown seedlings that you come across in beds and borders
- Keep weeding. Annual weeds can be hand pulled but dig perennial weeds right out
- Deadhead daffodils
- Sow annual climbers and grasses
- Plant new aquatic plants
- Sow or turf new lawns
- Feed established lawns
- Sow greenhouse crops such as tomatoes
- Continue sowing and planting vegetables out doors
- Prick out or pot up seedlings before they get congested and grow leggy
- Cut down any remaining dead growth left over winter on perennials especially grasses before there is too much risk of damaging new shoots
- Plant summer flowering bulbs