

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for April

- **EMPTY** vessels of standing water as mosquitoes are already breeding. For fountains and birdbaths, clean the water regularly or add drops of bleach or mosquito dunks.
- **REMOVE** deep-rooted weeds such as dandelions from your garden by hand.
- **DECREASE** the spread of crabgrass by applying a pre-emergent that keeps seeds from germinating.
- **HARVEST** the tender leaves of wild mustard, arugula, purslane, and dandelion. Add to salads and sandwiches for a surprising snap.
- **AERATE** your lawn to improve the absorption of moisture and fertilizer before reseeding.
- **PICK UP** dropped camellia blooms to deter petal blight.
- **REFRAIN** from cutting back daffodils until they are as crisp as a cracker. They need to replenish the nutrients to the bulb for next year's floral explosion.
- **CUT** small branches of crabapple or redbud to bloom in a vase on your nightstand. Research indicates that individuals with the brightest outlook and happiest attitudes keep blooms bedside.
- **FERTILIZE** lawns and shrubs.
- **SCATTER** snail bait to protect new shoots from the crawlers.
- **VISIT** your local nursery to buy intriguing plants that will increase the attractiveness of your landscape and improve your temperament.
- **LOSE** yourself in nature and find peace.
- **SUPPORT** Ukraine.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Spring!



Clip a few small branches of Western Redbud for a floral display.



Nasturtiums are not only beautiful; they are delicious in salads.