

KITTS CREEK LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

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Highlights:

- Do your knockout rose bushes look like this?



Go here:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/roses/rose-rosette-disease.htm>

- Mow fescue to 3 1/2 inches and mow before the grass gets taller than 5 inches
- Deadhead your rose bushes for them to continue to bloom.
- Landscaping Committee will begin meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5pm at the clubhouse

LATE SPRING/ EARLY SUMMER LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING TIPS

- Mow to 3 1/2 inches and **mow before the grass gets taller than 5 inches.**
- Do not fertilize tall fescue at this time.
- Continue to **pull weeds** out of your flower beds to prevent them from taking over. This simple task makes a huge difference in improving the look of your yard and preventing more weeds
- To keep your knock-out rose bushes looking nice, **remove the spent blooms** with a pair of shears. Deadheading will help the flowers to continue to bloom throughout the summer.
- Marigolds, citronella, catnip, basil and lemon balm can be planted to **help keep mosquitos away.**
- If your forsythias and azaleas are done blooming, prune back to 1/3 of their height
- There's still time to **plant annual flower beds.** Petunias, vinca, begonias, zinnias and more are available. Check out your local garden shop (Lowe's, Home Depot, Garden Supply Co. The Raleigh Farmer's Market is a great place to find annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees at reasonable prices.)
- Apply **fire ant killer granules** to kill the fire ants in the mounds that have started popping up in some yards around the neighborhood.

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For more information on lawn maintenance, check out this website from the NC State Extension. <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/tall-fescue-lawn-maintenance-calendar>

For information about gardening and local events The Triangle Gardener website is an excellent resource.

<https://www.trianglegardener.com>

UPCOMING WORKSHOP & EVENTS

Durham Garden Forum: Composting, May 21, 6:30pm-8pm. Join us to learn more about composting at home, with Rhonda Sherman. Fee. Pre-register. Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Durham. 919-668-1707 or gardenseducation@duke.edu. gardens.duke.edu

Propagation Workshop, June 1, 9am-3pm. Join this hands-on workshop and learn how to asexually propagate some of your favorite plants at the Arboretum. Participants go home with many freshly propagated plants. Fee. Pre-register. JC Raulston Arboretum, NC State University, Raleigh. 919-515-3132. jcra.ncsu.edu.

QUESTIONS?

The Kitts Creek Landscaping Committee will begin meeting at the clubhouse at the first Tuesday of every month at 5 pm. **If you have ideas or questions, please feel free to stop by.** We may not have the answer, but we can point you in the right direction. Contact us at www.kittscreek.com.