

KITTS CREEK LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

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Highlights:

- Apply pre-emergent to lawns now
- Mow fescue to 3-4 inches
- Pull weeds from flowerbeds to prevent them taking over
- Prune roses and shrubs
- Landscaping Committee will begin meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse, 5 PM



SPRING LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING TIPS

- Don't let weeds go to seed in your flowerbeds. Pull them out now to keep weeds from taking over.
- Divide and plant daisies, daylilies, & hostas. Start planting perennials and water plants well to encourage root growth. Plant daisies and lilies in sun. Hostas work well in shade.
- Refresh your garden and containers with fresh summer annuals. Petunias, geraniums, and zinnias are good choices.
- Mow fescue grass at a height of least 3 inches, 4 is better. Do not let your grass get too tall – it weakens the roots causing issues later in the season. Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They return nutrients to the soil and reduce the need for additional fertilizer.
- To prevent weeds in your lawn, now is the time to apply pre-emergent herbicides.
- Prune evergreens, removing all dead, diseased and undesirable wood.
- Continue to plant trees and shrubs, making sure you properly amend the soil.

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>

“Don't let weeds take over! Pull weeds from your flowerbeds now before they go to seed.”



UPCOMING WORKSHOP & EVENTS

The **Raleigh Garden Club Plant and Gift Sale** will be Mother's Day Weekend, May 9-11, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Historic Polk House. Historic Polk House, 537 N. Blount Street in downtown Raleigh. Thur - Sat, May 9-11, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm each day with special programs from children. For more information <https://raleigh-garden.squarespace.com/plant-sale>

Duke Gardens Adult and Children programs. For classes check out their website here. <https://gardens.duke.edu/programs>

Plant this, Not that May 11, 1:00pm-4:30pm, North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/calendar/>.

Spring Native Plant Sale & Festival. Saturday, May 4; 2-7 p.m. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/native-plant-sale/>

QUESTIONS?

The Kitts Creek Landscaping Committee will begin meeting at the clubhouse at the first Tuesday of every month, 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 <http://www.kittscreek.com>.