PLANTS &PESTS
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April

NEBRASKA EXTENSION IN GAGE COUNTY
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Arbor Day is April 27th, 2018

Plant a tree for Arbor Day. To properly plant a tree, follow these steps:

- Dig the hole twice as wide and just as deep as the root ball of the tree to plant
- Plant the tree with the flare at the soil level
- Backfill with the same soil removed from the hole
- If staking is necessary, stake the tree loosely and only leave on for one growing season
- Mulch the tree with a 2-3 inch deep, at least a 2 foot wide layer of organic mulch to help with weeds, moisture, temperature management for the roots, and to reduce lawn mower blight
- Water to the point of saturation immediately after planting
- Newly planted trees should receive no more than an inch of water a week during the growing season
    - Don't water more than two or three times a week
    - Running automatic irrigation systems 20-30 minutes daily will severely damage the root system and can kill a tree

Underutilized trees for Nebraska

Ohio Buckeye	Catalpa
Kentucky Coffeetree	Elm
Gingko	Hackberry
Japanese Tree Lilac	Oaks
Paw Paw	Sycamore
Redbud	Linden

For more tree choices, visit: https://nfs.unl.edu/landscapetrees

GARDENING CALENDAR

- April 1-30: Overseed or Reseed lawn
- April 15-May 15: Clean up perennial flowers
- April 27: Fertilize lawn
- April 27: Plant a Tree for Arbor Day
- Late April-early May: Apply Crabgrass Control (When soil temperatures reach a 7-day average of 55-60 deg F, visit: https://go.unl.edu/wq7f
- May 12: Plant summer crops