



How We Celebrated Earth Day

Whitehouse Landscaping participated in a volunteer Day of Service on April 22nd in conjunction with PLANET (Professional Landcare Network). We donated our services and resources to spruce up the curb appeal of the main entrance of the Elizabeth Barth Elementary School in Pottstown. A 'landscape renovation' at the entrance included shrub and tree pruning, removal of overgrown plantings, weeding, mulching and installation of new shrubs and perennials. Barth was the perfect recipient of our time and energy and we enjoyed interacting with the children who participated in the project and improving our community green spaces.



Before



After

YOU CAN GROW FANTASTIC FLOWERS

Proper Watering and Fertilizing Are Key

If you don't just want your garden or container to grow but to **thrive**, that means feeding! It can be daunting to shop for a fertilizer when there are so many choices. **Liquid, Slow-Release, Controlled-Release – is one better than the other?**

Liquid fertilizers are in a soluble form readily available for plant uptake. They are useful to give plants a quick boost and to correct many nutrient deficiencies quickly.

Slow-release fertilizers are generally considered organic fertilizers such as manures, compost and urea. The length of time is impacted by soil moisture level, temperatures and microbial activity.

Controlled-release fertilizers are not the same things as slow-release fertilizers. These fertilizers have a coating on each pellet that reduces the solubility of the material allowing the nutrient to be released over time. Osmocote is an example of a controlled-release fertilizer. Again, the length of time is impacted by temperature and moisture levels.

Some folks use controlled-release fertilizers in their container plants and supplement with any liquid organic food (we like fish-emulsion) when it really stays hot and your plants require water every day. A garden will thrive with mulch and a bit of compost in addition to adding an organic fertilizer to the mix.

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Rose Care

Cut the shortest stems possible when cutting roses because the more foliage you leave on the plant, the better for photosynthesis, and the faster it will re-bloom. Experts now recommend cutting above a 3-leaflet leaf instead of lower down the stem at a 5-leaflet leaf.



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