

Garden Notes

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Spring Weed Control

If you had issues last year with crabgrass or a few other warm season weeds, now is the time to apply your pre emergent herbicide. This is a preventative treatment to help you keep some weeds in check. Follow your label directions carefully for a more effective treatment.



Stinkhorns

Our cool season offers the perfect conditions for our various stinkhorn mushrooms. Although the smell is not always pleasant, these mushrooms are just taking advantage of decomposing materials. You may dig them up and send them to the composting center if you choose.

Ground Orchid

Bletilla striata is a terrestrial orchid with delicate pink flowers and green strap-like foliage. Plants will spread out to make an effective groundcover in shady areas.

Provide plants with some moisture and well drained soils. As your clumps increase in size, you can divide in the fall to share with friends. Foliage may be damaged by freezing weather, but plants often return each spring to provide needed color during our winter.