

# Seasonal Horticulture Updates & Tips

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## TIMELY TIPS FOR SPRING PLANT CARE



**ORNAMENTAL GRASS:** All varieties of ornamental grass need be cut back each Spring to an inch or two from the ground. For easy clean-up tie twine tightly around the circumference of the grass. Then use a hedge trimmer or chain saw to cut through the dried foliage. You will be rewarded with beautiful new foliage once the weather has warmed up.



**LIRIOPE:** The same holds true for this common but outstanding groundcover. Cutting liriope (or monkey grass) back with a lawn mower (where applicable), weed-eater (does not make as nice of a cut) or scissors (for smaller quantities) will allow for fresh, new foliage to emerge. Dispose of the clippings.

**DAFFODILS:** Finally, no matter how tempting it is to mow over the spent foliage of daffodils after their outstanding display of Spring color, please do not do it! Flower production will be greatly reduced. They require their foliage for nutrients in order to produce flowers for next years display.

