***April Gardeners’ Journal***

To Do:

* *Prepare the soil in your plot for planting:*
	+ *Weed as needed! Winter weeds have already germinated!*
	+ *If your fall cover crop wasn’t winter-killed, cut it off at the soil line, let it dry on your bed and then lightly hand till in.*
	+ *Add a layer of 1-2″ compost and organic fertilizer (nitrogen only).*
	+ *Disturb the soil as little as possible — the microherd is hard at work improving your soil health!*
* *Transplant cool weather crops; cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, new asparagus, rhubarb and strawberry plants, as well as onion sets.*
* *Plant seeds for cool season crops: peas, carrots, Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce, kale (and other salad greens), radishes, beets and kohlrabi.*
* *Clean and organically fertilize mature asparagus, rhubarb and strawberry plants.*
* *Harvest mature asparagus and rhubarb at the end of the month.*

 *NOTE:  a soil test can be taken at the beginning or the end of the garden season.  The information will determine any need for organic soil additives.  OSU Extension recommends using the University of Massachusetts Extension Soil and Plant Nutrient Laboratory in Amherst MA.  (*<http://soiltest.umass.edu/>*)  Let the Board know if you need help collecting a soil sample from your plot or interpreting the results once you get them.*