



APRIL WHITETAIL PROPERTY CHECKLIST

Timber Focus: Getting your major timber work done now is critical. Bedding, travel routes, shooting lanes, and more; not only is the work harder after green-up, but quality also suffers. Be sure to ribbon and paint out any features that will be hard to see next month.

Planting Trees: April is bare root tree time. Not familiar with bare-root trees? There are fruit, conifers, hardwoods, shrubs, and more to help build the plan.

Fire: Many of us run fire through designated areas of our properties for the health of the landscape and improved habitat for deer.

Frost Seeding: While freeze/thaw events may be limited in your region, getting the seed down asap will give it the best chance for seed-soil contact necessary for germination, particularly if you are using a broadcast spreader.

Property Cleanup: Pick up trash and other junk or stands that are a scar on the landscape.



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Sprayings: Pre-emergent sprayings like simazine can go out as soon as your WSG frost seeding is done early in the month. Post-emergent applications like glyphosate and 2,4-D can usually get the first round of burn-down a week or two after green-up.

Cut Hillside Trails and Beds: These features are used more if they are not on a slope, so some quick shovel work can increase your odds from a nearby stand.

Habitat Days: Block your calendar for habitat days throughout the summer. Invite family, buddies, or new hunters out to share in the projects with plans to invite them back in the fall.

Cams: Get them out on that winter rye to see the deer, but also scout for turkeys if that's your thing. We might turkey hunt for at least a few hours before firing up the saws!