spring
The main issue I want to focus on is sunburn. Our plants are most susceptible to it in the spring, since they don’t have leaves to shade their trunks and they’re weaker as they wake up.
Here is sunburn damage. As you can see sunburn typically burns off the bark and cambium layer down to the wood ring. This will not always kill a plant, as long as...
...there is enough live matter on the other side of the plant.
While most sunburn occurs close to the base of the plant, sometimes burn will occur on other parts of the branch.
Young, developing inflos are very susceptible to burning in warming temps in spring. Keep these in shade until they are more developed.
Early season blooms are also susceptible to burn in the spring. Just break them off – it won’t damage the plant.
Here are ways to protect your plants from sunburn...
I do this around mid-February to ensure a couple of rains will soak it in the ground, thus creating a nutrient-rich soil environment for our awakening plants...

Feed Your Soil!

Top Dressing:
- Kellogg Patio Plus
- Used coffee grounds
- Worm castings
- Composted horse manure
First Feeding:  
Sul-Po-Mag  
Seaweed Extract  
SuperThrive  
Fish Emulsion  
Later: Epsom Salt

I do this when I first see leaves starting to emerge. No chemical fertilizer yet (not until leaves have fully opened). These organics will support the plant’s infrastructure and help the plant wake up stronger...
Watering in Spring

- Let the rain do the job
- Very little hand watering
- Make sure to water during hot spells
HAPPY GROWING!!