



APRIL GARDENING GUIDE: WHAT TO PLANT & WHEN

April is an important month for gardeners as the season begins to shift from cool-weather crops to warm-season planting. Early in the month is ideal for planting hardy vegetables, while mid-to-late April—after the average last frost—signals the time to begin planting warm-season crops.

EARLY APRIL: COOL-SEASON CROPS

Take advantage of the cooler temperatures by direct seeding vegetables such as:

- Lettuce
- Spinach
- Radishes
- Carrots
- Peas
- Swiss chard

These crops thrive in cooler soil and can handle light spring frosts.

MID-LATE APRIL: WARM-SEASON PLANTING

After the average last frost date (around April 15), it's time to begin planting warm-season crops such as:

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Eggplants

You can also direct seed beans and corn and start planting herbs like basil, cilantro, and dill.

SOIL PREPARATION & PLANT CARE

Before planting, amend soil with compost or a balanced fertilizer to give plants a strong start. As temperatures rise, applying organic mulch such as straw or pine bark helps retain moisture and control weeds. Be sure to water regularly, especially for young transplants during dry spells.

WATCH FOR WEATHER & PESTS

Spring weather can still be unpredictable. Keep row covers or buckets on hand to protect plants from late frosts. It's also a good time to monitor gardens for early pests like aphids and cutworms.

With a little preparation and timely planting, April sets the stage for a productive and successful gardening season.