



Parent Gardening Tips: Getting the Garden Ready for Spring

1. Rake up leaves from under trees and in the grass.
2. Aerate or power rake your grass.
3. Cut back perennial plants, grasses and small woody shrubs. Give your plants a haircut!
4. Dig compost into your vegetable gardens. Throw your coffee grinds right into the garden.
5. Plan out what you want to grow this year.
6. Start seeds indoors for warm weather veggies mid to late April (Cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, basil). ** tomatoes and pepper plants need to start in March
7. Plant cool weather seeds directly into soil in mid to late April (snap peas, onions, carrots, greens, radishes)
8. Plant your warm weather seedlings after Mother's day or when night time temperatures stay above 50 degrees. Most tomato and pepper plants go on sale then.
9. Plant bean seeds directly into soil after soaking in water overnight.
10. Apply a small layer of mulch (grass clippings or straw) around the base of your plants. This will help keep the weeds down and retain moisture.
11. Water daily in the mornings, water the roots only, try to avoid overhead watering to prevent the spread of disease.
12. Enjoy the fruits of your garden!

For a complete planting guide please click on the below links from Colorado State University (CSU) and Denver Urban Gardens (DUG).

<https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/721.pdf>

<https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/720.pdf>

https://dug.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Grow-a-Garden_Vegetable-Planting-Guide.pdf

For container garden information please refer to the below link.

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/container-gardens-7-238/>

<https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/724.pdf>

For more information about gardening in general please check out CSU's Online Resources for Gardening page or DUG's Horticultural Resource page. Everything you want to know!

<https://extension.colostate.edu/garden/>

<https://dug.org/horticulture/>