

## Gardening Article

Finally, time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful spring weather. This month is a great month to plant trees, shrubs, vegetables, and vines. Planting this month allows roots time to establish before the hot days of summer arrive. If you plan on changing out your old bedding plants with summer color, make sure the soil is deeply dug, rich in compost, and fertilized.

Plant annuals like begonias, marigolds, petunias, and salvias once warmer conditions arrive. Perennials like coneflower, coral-bells, coreopsis, dianthus, liatris, and phlox will put on a beautiful show year after year. For summer color plant caladium, calla lily, dahlia, gladiolus, and dahlias. Varying the time and depth of these plants will extend the summer bloom time. Fertilize these plantings with a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer or mulch them with compost.

Planting herbs like chives, dill, oregano, lavender, mint, rosemary, sage, and thyme may be done this month. Perennial herbs like sage and mint may be cut back. Put in transplants of broccoli and cauliflower. Plant peas, beans, lettuce, and spinach from seed.

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