

Gardening Article

The closer spring gets the higher gardening fever tends to get. While planning your garden and thumbing through the seed catalogs look for the new varieties of green-goods. A lot of these new plants will offer different bloom colors, a longer bloom period, or more resilience to diseases.

Flowers such as pansies, Johnny-jump ups, English daisies, Iceland poppies, primroses, snapdragons, and Cyclamen may be planted for quick winter color. During the mild weather you can dig and divide hardy perennials like purple coneflower, daylilies, peonies, iris, Shasta daisy, and many others. Plant these in well-drained soil without covering the plant crown. Keeping all flowers mulched will help protect the new foliage and minimize winter weeds.

Dormant oil sprays should be applied to deciduous trees and shrubs if aphids, scale, or whiteflies have been a problem in the past. Deciduous shrubs may also be lightly pruned this month.

Seeds of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants may be planted indoors. Choose varieties that are disease tolerant. Plant transplants of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and lettuce to harvest in early spring.

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