

Spring Checklist

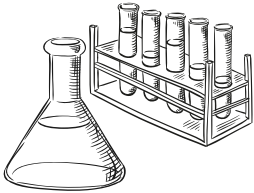


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Your seasonal to-do list for more successful food gardens!

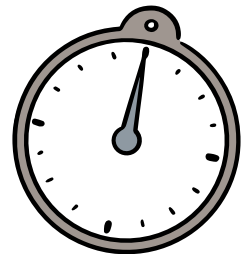
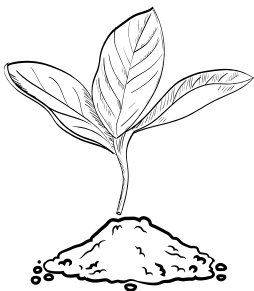
Early Spring

- Clean up garden plots by removing any mulch you won't be working into the soil, like straw or wood chips.
- Build, rebuild or repair any garden and [season extension structures](#) like raised beds, frames or trellises.
- Install any irrigation systems, but make sure the hard freezes are over before turning the water back on.
 - Get a [soil test](#) if it's been more than 5 years since your last one.
 - [Start warm-season seedlings](#) inside for transplanting later.
 - Work finished compost or cover crops into the soil when temperatures allow if your soil test calls for it and the soil is dry enough. Keep organic matter to 3-5% of your soil - [do you really need to add that compost?](#)
 - Direct sow [cool-season crops](#) like radishes, carrots and beets
 - Register for Grow&Give.



Mid Spring

- Direct sow peas and greens like [lettuces, spinach and kale](#).
- Avoid over fertilizing (this is true all season long, too much fertilizer can damage your soil and affect your crops).



Late Spring

- Monitor soil temperatures with a soil thermometer.
- [Transplant](#) seedlings from indoors.
- Carefully inspect plant starts before you buy them.

For details on spring gardening , go to growandgivecolorado.org