



## Preparing For Spring

### Seed Library :

1. There is a list on our website of what is available.
2. We collect seed to share with others and its fun.
3. Some seed are easy to come by others are of heirloom variety and are hard to find.

### Leaves :

What to do with all those leaves?

1. They make great mulch in the winter garden. Rake them in your beds to protect your shrubs and to deter winter weeds. Rake out in spring and add to your compost.
2. Spread over your tender perennials to protect from freezing temperatures, also as they break down they can replenish the soil with nutrients.
3. Rake them in the compost pile.

### Soil :

1. There is still time to prepare your beds for spring. Get outside on a pretty day and add compost into your soil.
2. Build your beds up for good drainage.
3. It's also a good time to design new garden beds.

### Trees & Shrubs:

1. January through February is a great time to plant container and bare-root trees and shrubs .
2. Finish pruning trees and shrubs
3. Do not prune spring bloomers

### Vegetables:

1. You can start your tomato and peppers indoors for transplanting out in the spring garden .
2. Plant cool season Veggies

### Flowers:

1. You can start your favorite spring annuals indoors for transplanting out in your spring garden.
2. Plant cool season transplants of annuals and perennials for your winter-spring garden .

### Seeds:

1. Refresh your soil with organic matter.
2. Sow your seed at the right depth for good results.
3. Do not mulch over freshly planted seed beds. Mulch after the seedlings emerge.

**Bulbs:**

1. Refresh your soil with bone meal and organic matter.
2. Good drainage is a must.
3. Apply mulch for winter, uncover in early spring as new growth emerges.

**Rainy Days:**

1. Its a great time to browse through Seed and Bulb catalogs.
2. You look and dream , or you can decide what you would like to order for your garden .

**Maintenance:**

Get ready for gardening and lawn care .

1. Now is a good time to have your Lawnmowers, and power tools tuned up .
2. Clean and sharpen garden tools .

**Garden Projects:**

*Example:*

1. Design and Build new garden beds
2. Build a Trellis
3. Clean and repair Birdhouses.

**Tip:**

Perennials "Rule of Thumb"

If it blooms in the early Spring to late June, divide in the Fall. If it blooms after late June, divide in the Spring

***Happy Gardening!***

