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The Ultimate Guide To Get Ready For Spring Gardening

Home Depot Highlights The Best Tools To Help You Plan Spring Gardening

Have you noticed the interest to grow plants is on the rise? Make no mistake about it, gardening is for people of all ages, and in all places- urban, suburban and rural. A garden variety is not just for aesthetics, it is purposeful, and contributes to our and the planet’s well-being. With wintry days coming to an end, and we welcome spring, now is the perfect time to freshen up your space and begin prepping your garden and patio area if you haven’t done so already. To help you get ready for spring gardening, we reached out to the experts at Home Depot as they are the one-stop shop to elevate your garden. Whether you’ve never touched a trowel in your life or have been gardening for years, their garden center is filled with inspiration, live goods and recommendations to prepare you for a season of alfresco dining and summer garden veggies. Preparing for a spring garden can be exciting and a rewarding venture, and with the right tools and supplies, transforming your current outdoor space into a flourishing oasis will be a breeze. So get ready to step outside and refresh your outdoor space as we help you plan spring gardening.

Plan Your Garden Layout

Select what you want to grow and where you want to plant each type of plant. Draw up a floorplan and make sure to consider factors such as sunlight, space, and type of soil. Design a space that shows off your sense of style and supports what is important to you and your family.

Clean Up!

It’s time to give your garden a good clean-out . Remove any debris, weeds or dead plants leftover from the previous season. Weeding and pruning old bushes or plants helps prevent pests and diseases from lingering into the new season.

Soil Preparation:

Change the soil as needed to improve its fertility and structure. Loosen the soil with a garden fork or tiller to ensure good drainage and aeration.

Mulching:

Apply a layer of mulch to your garden beds to help retain moisture, suppress weeds and regulate soil temperature.

Start Seeds Indoors

Learning to grow your own seedlings is one of the most valuable gardening skills that you can acquire. If you plan to grow vegetables or flowers from seeds, begin with them indoors- this will also allow you to control the timing. Use seed starting trays or containers filled with potting mix, and provide adequate lighting and warmth for germination.

Get Your Garden Gear Ready

Stock up or replace broken or worn out tools and make sure all of your gardening tools are clean, sharp and are in good working condition.

Prune Trees and Shrubs

Pruning encourages healthy growth and improves the overall appearance of your garden so trim back dead or overgrown branches.

Plant For Happy Hour

Gardening is therapeutic on many levels. It provides relaxation, exercise, a connection with nature, and its bounty can nourish the body inside and out. Consider growing anise hyssop, lavender, rosemary, basil, mint, thyme and sorrel for happy hour inspirations and soothing remedies.

Plan For Pest Control

Develop a plan for managing pests in your garden, practice crop rotation and apply organic pesticides when necessary.

Watering System

Check your watering system to make sure it is working properly. Repair or replace leaks is hoses or irrigation lines and if needed, look into installing a drip irrigation system for streamline watering.

Keep Records

The best way to learn what worked throughout the season and what didn’t is to keep track of what you planted and when you planted it. This will be valuable information for future planting and troubleshooting.

By following this guide you can effectively get in the gardening mood to prepare for a successful season of outdoor entertaining.

[Rio 1.5 Pint. Dipladenia Flowering Annual Shrub with Red, Pink, White and Raspberry Splash Blooms](https://www.homedepot.com/p/Rio-1-5-Pint-Dipladenia-Flowering-Annual-Shrub-with-Red-Pink-White-and-Raspberry-Splash-Blooms-1001319338/304933348) ($6.98)

[Vigoro 0.8 cu. ft. Brown Bagged Recycled Rubber Mulch](https://www.homedepot.com/p/Vigoro-0-8-cu-ft-Brown-Bagged-Recycled-Rubber-Mulch-VGNG08BN96/203714943) ($7.47)

[Ortho Dial 'N Spray Hose End Sprayer](https://www.homedepot.com/p/Ortho-Dial-N-Spray-Hose-End-Sprayer-0841010/204758731#overlay) ($14.97)

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•   **DIY…or don’t.**If you are a weekend warrior who relishes DIY projects, taking care of your yard yourself can be an excellent choice. But there is no shame in your backyard game if you outsource yardwork so you can spend your time outside just enjoying your yard. You could also have a landscaping crew do the basic mowing and maintenance so you can spend your time enjoying gardening or just enjoying it.

Consider growing the following herbs for happy hour inspirations: anise hyssop, basil, cilantro, fennel, lavender, lemon balm, lemon verbena, mint, pineapple sage, rosemary, stevia, thyme, sorrel.