



April Garden Tasks



Sowing & Planting

- Sow hardy annuals, beetroot, carrots, lettuce, and peas outdoors.
- Plant maincrop potatoes and onion sets.
- Direct sow herbs such as dill, coriander, and parsley.

Pruning & Cutting Back

- Prune early flowering shrubs such as forsythia after flowering.
- Deadhead daffodils and other spring bulbs, but leave foliage to die back naturally.
- Cut back penstemons to new shoots at the base.



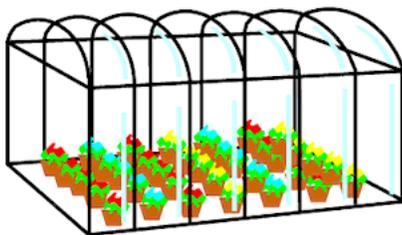


Harvesting

- Harvest spring cabbage, purple sprouting broccoli, and rhubarb.
- Pick asparagus spears as they appear.
- Cut forced chicory and seakale.

Watering & Feeding

- Feed fruit trees and bushes with a balanced fertiliser.
- Keep seedbeds moist to encourage germination.
- Feed container plants as growth accelerates.



Greenhouse

- Harden off half-hardy annuals by placing them outside during the day.
- Sow cucumbers, melons, and courgettes indoors.
- Pot on young tomato and pepper plants.

Houseplants

- Repot houseplants showing signs of being rootbound.
- Feed actively growing houseplants weekly.
- Move tender plants to brighter spots as light increases.



Lawn Care

- Apply a spring lawn fertiliser.
- Sow new lawns or repair damaged areas.
- Scarify lawns to remove moss and thatch.

General Maintenance

- Install supports for perennials before they get too tall.
- Weed borders regularly to prevent competition.
- Check compost bins and turn heaps to aerate.





Wildlife & Ponds

- Introduce new pond plants now the water is warming up.
- Provide nest boxes and keep bird feeders topped up.
- Leave some untidy areas as shelter for wildlife.

Paths, Fences & Tools

- Clean patios and decking to prevent algae build-up.
- Treat wooden fences and sheds with preservative.
- Repair or replace worn tools before the busy season.



Planning & Admin

- Make a sowing calendar to spread harvests.
- Label rows clearly in the vegetable plot.
- Visit plant fairs and nurseries for new ideas.

Leisure (And Finally...)

- Take time to admire tulips, primroses, and blossom trees.
- Visit local gardens for spring displays.
- Sit out with a warm drink and enjoy longer evenings.

