

POTTERY FIESTA

April's Planting Tips

- **Annuals in Bloom:** Plant spring and summer blooming annuals such as geraniums, gerbera daisies, marigolds, petunias, carnations, cosmos, lobelia, alyssum, million bells, verbena and periwinkle.
- **Citrus:** This is a great month to plant citrus.
- **Blooming Perennials:** Plant spring blooming perennials such as African daisies (osteospermum), Buddleia davidii (butterfly bush), gallardia, guarra, delphinium, and lavender.
- **Frost Sensitive Plants:** Great time to select and enjoy plants such as bougainvillea, lantana, and hibiscus.
- **Pruning:** Prune frost damage from plants once new growth appears.
- **Leaves Dropping:** It is normal for evergreen trees and shrubs to drop older yellow foliage in preparation for new spring growth.
- **Irrigation:** Established trees and shrubs may need weekly irrigation by the end of the month. Water thoroughly and deeply.
- **Plants in Pots:** May need daily watering as temperatures warm up.
- **Yellow Leaves:** Iron chlorosis may be detected on plants such as citrus, roses, and gardenias. Foliage will appear yellow with bright green veins. Treat affected plants with chelated iron
- **Garden Insects:** Keep an eye out for aphids and spider mites. Try washing them off with a heavy blast of water.
- **Grow your own food from our healthy selection:**
 - *Apples, Peaches and Plums
 - *Lemons, Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, Limes and Kumquats
 - *Table Grapes - red and white seedless
 - *Pomegranates
 - *Figs - Mission, Black Jack and Brown Turkey
 - *Artichokes, Eggplant, Cucumbers, Squash, Peppers, Cantaloupe and Strawberries
 - *Tomatoes - Heirloom, Grafted and Traditional
 - *Herbs - Basil, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and more.
 - *Plant okra, asparagus, beans, cherry tomatoes, sunflowers, amaranth, cucumber, eggplant, melons, Lima beans, black-eyed peas, cane sorghum, chilies, chiltepinas, cotton, gourds, indigo, panic grass, teosinte, tobacco, tomatillos, muskmelon
 - *Still not too late to plant pumpkins, cantaloupes, squash
 - * Plant summer bulbs - caladium, anna, dahlia, glads, iris
 - *Warm-to-hot-season greens such as amaranth, purslane, lambsquarters, Malabar spinach, and Yakima Savoy lettuce can be sown now and grown through summer — all will appreciate afternoon shade from a tall trellis, native mesquite tree, or sunflowers to the west.