



# What to do in April

# April is all about temperature!

- It's getting warmer and the days are longer and we all want to get our gardens started
  - But remember, we can still have frost in April so keep your eyes on that weather forecast
- Take the temperature of your soil
  - Most warm-season crops like a soil temperature of at least 65 F (in the morning) to flourish

# Plant when the soil temp is $> 65^{\circ}\text{F}$

- Seedlings of:
  - tomato
  - peppers
  - eggplants



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- Direct seed:
  - melons                  beans
  - corn                      squash
  - pumpkins                cucumbers



# Plant now (from seed or transplants)

- Beets
- Carrots
- Radish
- Turnips
- Chard
- Endive
- Parsley



# Harvest now

- Spinach
- Peas
- Fava beans
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Carrots
- Beets
- Chard
- Lettuce

# Irrigation

- Check entire system when you turn it on
- Make sure the emitters are working and that water is going to the right places

# Pruning Citrus

- Citrus do not require pruning in the “typical” sense but if you want to reshape your trees, now it the time to do it
- Take out water sprouts



# Continue to

- Weed
- Eliminate pests such as slugs and snails (hand pick) and earwigs (rolled-up newspaper)
- Use row cover to protect young crops from squirrels and birds

# Prepare beds

- Latest research recommends cutting off plants at the soil line, leaving the roots undisturbed
- Add compost to the beds
- Replant as soon as possible



# Questions?

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# Resources

- UC Master Gardeners of Napa County
  - <http://napamg.ucanr.edu/>
- Growing Tasty Tomatoes
  - [http://napamg.ucanr.edu/Workshop\\_References\\_and\\_Slides/](http://napamg.ucanr.edu/Workshop_References_and_Slides/)
- Healthy garden tips
  - <http://ucanr.edu/sites/ucmgnapa/files/153885.pdf> peppers
  - <http://ucanr.edu/sites/ucmgnapa/files/153890.pdf> eggplants

