



# Master Gardener Tips

## April

Plant warm season grasses now through July.

Impatiens are great shade flowering plants. They are also sensitive to cold. Wait until the ground warms up to plant and expect them to die at the first frost in the fall.

Check out all the new perennials in your local nursery.

It takes 2 hours a week to care for a 20 by 50 foot garden. That does not include planting. So plan accordingly for the size of garden you are planning. Most of us will not have that large a garden, but any garden will require time each week.

Plant outdoors onion sets, potatoes, peas, radishes, carrots, turnips, leaf lettuce and other cold hardy vegetables early this month.

Most cacti bloom more readily if root bound.



Stepping-stones that have sunk into the ground, need to be repositioned for the new year. Lift them up and spread sand in the low areas and then replace the stones.

Our last frost date is usually in early April.

Before you work in the garden make sure the soil is dry enough to crumble in your hand. If it's too wet; wait for it to dry out because the hard clumps turn into cement.

Edging the gardens will make for easier planning and planting. Having a crisp edge also makes everything look tidy.

When the spring flowering shrubs are complete their blooming, prune them. They will boom next year on the growth they do this year.

Leave bulb foliage alone until it dies back. The green leaves make food for the bulb to bloom next spring.

