

Spring into Summer

SPRING

These months are often cool and wet from both snowmelt and frequent rainfall. Gardeners will spend much of the spring preparing for the growing season: sanitizing tools, cleaning garden beds, and installing new plants.

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Start warm-season seeds indoors ▪ Finish pruning ▪ Submit soil test ▪ Prepare garden tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plant cool-season seeds outdoors ▪ Amend soil ▪ Use season extenders ▪ Apply pre-emergent herbicide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clean-up garden ▪ Plant tender seeds outdoors ▪ Remove season extenders ▪ Divide perennials ▪ Plant trees & shrubs

SUMMER

These months increase in temperature over time and include ample, strong sunlight. Rainfall events are expected to taper as the summer months progress, leaving the summer months drier than the rest of the year. Garden activities during the summer focus on promoting desired growth and preventing undesirable growth and infestations.

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch for heavy rain • Mulch around plants • Compost yard waste • Succession & relay planting • Mow regularly (3-4½ in. tall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watch for extreme heat ▪ Reduce pesticide use ▪ Pinch & deadhead flowering plants (including weeds) ▪ Prune spring-flowering shrubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor for drought ▪ Harvest vegetables ▪ Divide perennials ▪ Remove evergreen “candles” ▪ Sow grass seed

LEARN MORE WITH THESE RESOURCES

PRO-TIP: Google “site:edu TOPIC” (or site:gov) for research-based advice

- ❖ **University of Minnesota Extension** <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden>
- ❖ **Soil-Testing Lab** <http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/>
- ❖ **Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites** <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/yard-waste>
- ❖ **Ask Extension Garden Help** <https://extension.umn.edu/master-gardener/ask-master-gardener>

CLASS NOTES

APPLYING THE KNOWLEDGE

Leading question 1

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Leading question 3