



## April is Gardening Month

**Get in the gardening mood during gardening month with some ideas from Hobby Farms and the National Gardening Association.**

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April is National Gardening Month, according to the National Gardening Association, and we're in the mood: Spring has officially arrived! We're ready for sunny days (whether or not the weather cooperates!) Your garden beds are ready to begin nurturing your plants (with a little nurturing from you first, of course!)

What's on your to-try list this growing season?

Now's the time ...

... to learn about some of the new gardening techniques, also suggested by the National Gardening Association, like: Encourage beneficial insects by planting herbs and flowers throughout your gardens. Propagate favorite shrubs, perennials and trees to put elsewhere on your property or to donate to a greening organization. Incorporate native plants into your landscape. Research least-toxic pest and weed control methods. Create a pruning calendar/map for your yard. Start a compost pile. Learn about organic gardening, and give it a try. Learn about water saving techniques and tools. Clean your gardening tools; oil wooden handles, tighten heads, and sharpen blades. Cut back on mowing by incorporating groundcovers, expanded perennial beds, even moss, to your lawn. Vow to minimize pesticide use to protect wildlife, the water supply, and human health.

**Gardening Month Events**

Get inspired: Check out the National Gardening Association calendar of events to see what's happening in your area or visit the Hobby Farms Events Calendar for more activities.

**Get Your Gardening On!**

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