

GARDENING CALENDAR

A USEFUL RESOURCE GUIDE TO GARDENING IN FALCON, COLORADO

JANUARY

a planning month

What to grow this year?

Trees and shrubs, vegetables, fruit or a butterfly and hummingbird garden

Where to grow this year?

Measure and layout garden

Water if temps stay above 40°



Tip: Vegetable gardens need 8 - 10 hours of sun for garden

FEBRUARY

a planning month

Research, learn, and plan

- Enjoy seed catalogs
- Check out library books like: *Xeriscape Colorado* to learn about native plants

Water if temps stay above 40°



Tip: Take a look at the High Prairie Library Seed Library!

MARCH

a planning month

Do we start seeds inside?

Appropriate for cool weather plants

Do we buy the plants later?

Pick up seed starter supplies, garden tools, and supplies

Water if temps stay above 40°



Tip: print out a minimum soil temperature seed sowing chart

APRIL

a planting month

Join: Falcon Garden Club to ask questions and learn

Start seeds indoors

Get soil test and amend soil (with organic material ASAP)

Plant: Asparagus, strawberries and spring bulbs (glads, lilies, etc.)

Water if temps stay above 40°



Tip: Locate underground lines Call 811 or colorado811.org

MAY

a planting month

Last avg. frost date May 22 (Falcon)

Prune dead branches from trees and shrubs after they bud

Harden off seedlings 1 - 2 weeks before planting outside

Start picking asparagus (every year)

Plant: Flowering vines, grapes, rhubarb, and roses!

Water if temps stay above 40°



Tip: Buy Soil Thermometer Use black plastic to warm soil

JUNE

a planting month

Time to plant and protect from windy, cold nights (white plastic covers)

Water, weed, and mulch while enjoying being outside.

Plus herbs, iris and annual flowers (Spinach in 60 days)



Tip: Both cherry tomatoes and determinate tomatoes grow well in Falcon, but make sure to buy a watering timer for them

JULY

a harvesting month

Maintain watering and weeding

Mulch pathways with straw or hay to prevent drying between beds.

Use wood mulch around trees and shrubs to maximize watering (straw for veggies/wood for trees)

Begin harvesting early season crops such as spinach, radishes, rhubarb, lettuce



Tip: Use black forest slash/ mulch. Available for free.

AUGUST

a harvesting month

Replant spinach if desired.

Pick: Peas, beets, squash, broccoli, green peppers, cucumbers, cabbage, corn, tomatoes, squash and zucchini and zucchini and the neverending zucchini

Harvest: Eat, give away

Process: Freeze, can, dry, pickle



Tip: Buy straw bales at our local feed and hay stores.

SEPTEMBER

a harvesting month

Harvest: Cabbage, zucchini, beets, beans, broccoli, spinach, squash, tomatoes, etc.

If desired: Protect plants to extend growing season (same for October)

Plant: Fall bulbs for spring beauty (like daffodils, tulips, crocus)



Tip: Take a break and watch some football.

OCTOBER

a clean-up month

Rake up and compost

Soil amendment now is key to success next year.

First avg. frost date Oct. 3 (Falcon)

Golden Tip: (first call to locate lines) Double-dig (down to 20") your permanent garden plots and mix-in up to 1/3 organic material. (Double-digging only every 7 or 10 years)

NOVEMBER

a clean-up month

Finish garden clean-up

Open garden plots and bury stems

Clean-up the tools and put away all garden supplies

Golden Tip: Add compost or manures now for soil health and nutrients by Spring. *Add kitchen scraps all winter to enhance and expand soil bacterial (No plate scrapings, fats, or salts)

DECEMBER

a clean-up month

GOOD JOB! REST! WELL DONE!

You've built your garden with Planning, Planting and Discipline. Think about all you've learned!

Golden Tip: Apply a heavy layer of wood mulch around trees and shrubs after a hard freeze to protect roots and minimize winter watering. "Grow where you're planted." - Mr. Bruce