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<u>Ventura County</u> <u>Events:</u>

44th Annual Scandinavian Festival April 6-7 10am to 5pm Cal. Lutheran Univ.

Easter EggsHunt & Craft Fair April 20 10am - 2pm Burnley Park, Camarillo Free!

Surfrider Beach Cleanup Surfers Point Seaside Park April 27 9am - 11am

Ventura Spring Street Fair April 6 11am - 6:30pm Downtown Ventura on Main Street

Clever Spring Gardening Tips

Spring has arrived and if you're thinking about starting a garden this year, now is the time! Before you head over to your favorite gardening store to buy what you need, take a look at some great garden tips that we've found to help you get started.



Don't throw away those used eggshells! Save them up and use them to start your seedlings! They keep those little plastic containers out of the landfill, plus they self-compost and add a calcium boost to the soil.

Fill an empty wine bottle with water and put it upside down in your pots or garden. The water will slowly trickle out keeping everything moist on hot dry days or if you go away for the weekend.





There's nothing more frustrating than watering a pot, only to have all of the water run right through the holes at the bottom. You can slow down the water drainage by placing a coffee filter at the bottom. Water can still get out, but it will give the soil more time to absorb it.

Make your homegrown tomatoes even sweeter this year by sprinkling baking soda on the soil around the plants.





Are you eager to get those plants in the ground before the frost risks are over? No problem! Protect new and fragile plants from frost and bugs with this clever trick.

Did you know you can also use your leftover lemons after they've been squeezed to start your seedlings? Besides being super cute, they self compost and add some extra nutrients to the soil when they are planted.



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Clever Spring Gardening Tips (Cont.)

Plant some flowers in your garden to help deter certain pests. Head over to you favorite nursery to find out what flowers work best for the garden pests in your area.





Let's face it, composting isn't for everyone. But, guess what? You can still make your own compost in small quantities from kitchen scraps.

Plant plastic forks in the garden to deter rabbits, squirrels and raccoons from raiding your crop. Might look odd, but if it works, it's totally worth it!





Try using toilet paper instead of buying overpriced seed tape. It works just as well and is a fraction of the cost.

A terra-cotta pot filled with a mixture of sand and mineral oil makes a perfect home for your small gardening tools. The sand is abrasive, so the simple act of taking your tools out and putting them back in helps keep your tools sharp. The addition of oil to the sand keeps your tools well lubricated, protecting them from rust and dirt build-up.



April Quote:

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

- Albert Einstein

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