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Ventura County Events

7th Annual Beer March
Join the Fun - Live Music
 March 19th at 1pm
 Camarillo Old Town

Ventura County
St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 12th at 10 am
 Main St. Midtown Ventura

Spring Home & RV Show
 March 18th - 20th
 Ventura County Fairgrounds

Walk MS Conejo Valley
 March 27th at 8am
 Conejo Creek North Park
 Thousand Oaks

Planning Your Spring Garden



Thinking about planting your own vegetable garden may bring to mind images of baskets of fresh and healthy produce. Advance planning will be the key to your successful garden. Considering which vegetables you like, how much space you have for them and how you'll meet each crop's growing

requirements before planting will help ensure you reap the full rewards at harvest.

Decide what will grow best - Cool season vegetables such as lettuce, peas and spinach will thrive early in the season. Tomatoes, peppers and melons will perform best when air and soil temperatures are much warmer.

Seeds or transplants - Vegetables can be grown from seeds or small starter plants called transplants. Seeds provide a wider selection of vegetables than what you can usually find as transplants, but will take more planning and time to establish. You may have to start some seeds, like tomatoes and peppers, indoors so they reach maturity by the end of the growing season. Purchase transplants from a reputable source. Many retailers provide disease-resistant cultivars for various vegetables such as late blight-resistant tomatoes. Thoroughly inspect plants for signs of insects by checking under leaves and around stem tips. Avoid plants with leaves that are browning, spotted or wilting. A taller plant doesn't mean a healthier or sturdier plant.

Maximize your space - Use every growing layer or tier within your garden. Root crops grow deep into the soil while tomatoes mature above ground. Lettuce is shallowly rooted and will grow as living mulch atop root crops such as beets and carrots. Plant carrots around developing tomato transplants or lettuce around developing root crops such as onions or radish. You can also increase your garden's yield by growing vining crops such as tomatoes, melons, pole beans and cucumbers on trellises or any vertical structure. Harvesting is also easier, as there's no stooping or hunching over!

Welcome to
Ventura Management!
Kent and Haley Black

MARCH 13th



Spring Forward 1 Hour

- *Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!*
- *Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!*

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Planning Your Spring Garden(Cont.)

Invite pollinators and other beneficial insects -

Smart gardeners intersperse flowering herbs, annual flowers and native perennials among the vegetable garden. These plants add diversity to your garden; provide valuable food and shelter for native pollinators and beneficial insects that provide natural pest protection in your garden.



How do you know when it is time to harvest your crops? Here are a few indicators:

- **Color** - Many vegetables turn colors as they ripen—tomatoes and peppers are examples. Check the seed packet or look at the description for each crop listed here so that you know when to pick.
- **Sheen** - Vegetables ready for picking commonly have a shiny, healthy look. If the skin of the crop is dull, the peak time for harvest may have passed.
- **Size** - Most vegetables are ready for harvest when they reach a useable size. To check the tenderness and flavor of a vegetable bite into it. Don't delay the harvest simply to grow bigger crops—flavor will likely be lost.



Remember timing is everything when it comes to the home vegetable garden harvest. Once vegetables are picked they immediately begin to lose flavor, tenderness, and nutritional value. Harvest your crops as close to the time you plan to serve them

March Quote

Your can fail at what you don't want. So you might as well take a chance on doing what you love.

.... Jim Carrey

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