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Spring is here, combining sunshine with rain. Perfect growing conditions for most plants. Hard work in your growing space now will be rewarded with bountiful harvests in the Summer and Autumn. *April* is one of the busiest months for growers.

Sowing Outdoors Into Soil Or Containers

- Seed Potatoes, each 30cm apart and 20 cm deep.
- Beetroot, Onion and Carrot seeds, thickly, in rows with 30cm between rows.
- Peas and Beans, each seed 15cm apart (Watch out for mice!)

Sowing Indoors In Pots Or Trays

Courgettes, Celeriac, Leeks, Peas, Beans, Squashes, Globe Artichokes, Pumpkins, Chillies, Aubergines, Herbs, Lettuces, Rocket, Chard, Spinach and Tomatoes.

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Planting Outdoors On Top Of Soil

Onion and Shallot Sets, push into soil with at least 15cm between each plant.

Artichokes (Jerusalem) push in at least 10cm deep and 30 cm apart.

Tasks

- Water all of your new sowing and planting at once and then weekly (unless there is plenty of rain for outdoor plants).
- Feed weekly with organic liquid feed or top dress once with seaweed, well rotted manure or dry organic feed. Give first feed of the year to over- wintered citrus plants.
- Weed all planted areas thoroughly to prevent weeds from seeding in May.
- Check, Clean and Sharpen Your Tools.
- Put in place organic Wildlife Management Measures. Use no

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chemicals.

- Write down your rotation plan and record your actual planting.
- Enjoy the sunshine and the new growth of Spring.