

April Garden Checklist

- Harvest and enjoy citrus before it softens
- Harvest and preserve cool-season herbs
- Thin fruit on deciduous fruit trees
- Remove spent cool-season veggies & flowers
- Prune back lemongrass
- Remove water sprouts and suckers from citrus trees
- Mulch trees, garden & shrubs in yard to prepare for summer
- Harvest cool-season veggies before temperatures climb
- Prepare beds for summer planting by adding compost & raised bed mix
- Get your summer garden planted. See my April planting guide for what to plant.
- Don't plant more cool-season flowers; plant warm-season flowers instead
- Plant fruit trees (including citrus) at the beginning of the month
- Save seeds from wildflowers and spring flowering annuals
- Allow annual herbs to bolt for the pollinators; save the seeds that develop
- Don't let weeds go to seed! Pull, use a hula hoe, or blow torch to get rid of them
- Pinch back basil, zinnias, marigolds, dahlias & marigolds to encourage branching
- Remove dead plants in yard. Evaluate why they died before planting again
- Water established citrus once every 10-14 days; fruit trees every 7-10 days
- Check your irrigation system & timer for leaks, broken emitters & batteries
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