



# Plant Information

## Including vegetables, perennials and annuals

The Franklin Park Conservatory gratefully acknowledges the following for handouts and information:

- Idaho Falls Community Garden
- The Daily Green
- Our Ohio
- Gardens Ablaze
- Golden Harvest Organics



## Four seasons of garden activities

**Winter:** December, January and February

This is the time of year to dream! Create a list of new garden themes and ideas- Draw up a new plan for your garden. What is the gardens budget? Goals? Remember this time is for preparation.

- What is the garden going to grow?
- Research
- Order Seeds
- Start seed indoors
- Take inventory of garden tools
- Clean and sharpen tools
- Keep gardeners engaged with monthly emails
- Visit the garden to make sure things are ok and to pick up trash

**Spring:** March, April and May

This time of year is by the busiest! With bed prep and lots to plant it is easy to feel overwhelmed, set realistic goals; it doesn't all have to happen today. Stick to your plan. Remember to keep a journal, which helps with reaching goals and lets you see what is going on in the garden with weather and when beds got compost and tilled.

- Transplant seedlings
- Bed prep- adding compost, weeding and building raised beds
- Planting of annuals and perennials
- Build or create support structures for crops
- Begin monitoring for pests

**Summer:** June, July and August

This time of year is about maintenance, keeping plants growing and keeping gardeners engaged. This is when hard work starts to pay off.

- Weeding
- Pests
- Harvesting



- Watering
- Prepping for fall crops
- Preserving the harvest – canning, drying and freezing

**Fall:** September, October and November

This is the time to gather late season harvest and put the garden to bed.

- Cut back perennials
- Remove dead annuals
- Weed
- Divide perennials
- Plant spring bulbs
- Dry herbs or freeze
- Continue preserving the harvest
- Tool maintenance
- Look for garden center sales
- Evaluate the growing season
- Hold a harvest party for gardeners and neighbors

\*Remember it is important to keep a garden journal, as good as we all believe our memories are, it will fool you. Include garden photos of the year, weather reports- including rain and temperatures, pest problems and solutions, bed prep including how much compost and when the beds were tilled, crop sowing dates, crop names including varieties, what was planted in which bed (helps with crop rotation)