

SPRING TIME PLANTS



This is a wonderful time of year to be out in a landscape admiring the warmer and dryer weather. With plants like camellias still blooming from their seasonally long bloom period, based on speKey Tips cies, I've always enjoyed these as well as azaleas and rhododendrons. Other shrubs that are blooming now are Loropetalum (Fringe plant) in a variety of bloom and foliage color. Also, maple trees are getting full with their new colorful leaves.

Springtime plants thrive in cooler weather, with early blooms like daffodils, tulips, and crocuses emerging as winter turns to spring. Popular perennials include creeping phlox, dianthus, and bugleweed, while cool season annuals like pansies and alyssum can offer quick color this time of year.

Bulbs and Early Color

- Crocus: and early bloomers often bloom in late winter.
- Daffodils and Tulips: these are common seasonal bulbs with good foliage and blooms.
- Ranunculus: this offers nice large showy flowers and can be tall

Spring planted Annuals and Groundcovers

- Sweet Alyssum: usually small white flowers and act as a spreading clump.
- Pansies and Violas: reasonable cold tolerance in spring with nice variety of bloom colors.
- Calibrachoa: these are excellent for small planters and pots.

Key Tips for Spring Gardening

- Soil prep: amend soil with organic matter.
- Hardening Off: gradually move indoors and start seedling to the outdoors.
- Watering: ensure new plants remain reasonably moist to begin with to help them root into the soil.
- Mulching: this helps the soil retain moisture and can help with weed control.

Finally, there are a lot of good resources out there, get creative and enjoy our varied seasonal changes throughout California.



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