

Spring Into Action!  
April 12, 2024

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# Spring 2024 Garden Startup

## Indoor Sowing

This is a good time to visit your local nurseries or online stores to purchase seeds and seed-sowing supplies. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on sales.

Start with a seed-starting mix, coir/peat pellets, and make sure you have planting trays for water run-off. If you don't have a sunny, south-facing window, you will need to purchase grow lights. Heating mats are optional but improve germination. [Click here for more details regarding setup.](#)



*L: Seedling in coir blend, Burpee Self-Watering System; C: Seeds in coir pellet mixture, and organic seed-starting mix; R: Seeds repotted in 4 in pots, organic potting soil*

## Promotions

### Free Start-up Seeds

[Click here](#) to request two startup seed packets for your 2024 garden.

## MakeFest: Make it Grow 2024

Visit our station at [Connecticut Science Center's Make It Grow](#) event on May 18, 2024, to learn more ways to make your garden space a haven for yourself and pollinators, for more about the versatility of flowers and herbs in the garden, and for an opportunity to win live plants and garden accessories. Beverage sampling, hands-on seed-sowing activity, and seed giveaway will be available while quantities last.

## 2023 Recap

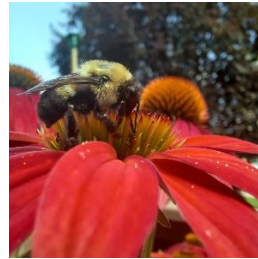
We always plant a combination garden with ornamental, pollinator, and edible selections. Why limit your options? Right?

Our edible selections included romaine and looseleaf lettuce, cucumbers, basil, dill, green onions, Yukon Gold potatoes, bush green beans, green bell peppers, and Tabasco peppers. That meant plenty of fresh snacks, sides, and herb ingredients, end of season hot sauce, and basil tea!

Herbs allowed to flower, attracted plenty of pollinators, as did our pollinator containers, including crocus, tulips and pansies in spring, coneflower, Black-Eyed Susans, sunflowers, blanket flower, cosmos, daisies, globe gilia, Chinese Forget-Me-Nots, marigolds, nasturtium, geranium, and Four O' Clocks.

Many of the herb and flower selections served multiple purposes, serving as ornamentals, and attracting other beneficial insects, as well. We tossed in simple water features (bee watering trays and solar-powered floating water pump/fountain). Our garden space was a flurry of activity, gorgeous, relaxing, and welcoming.

### Photo Highlights



### Seasonal To-Do's

Clean dirty pots, seed-starting supplies, and hand tools with a 10% bleach solution before reusing.

Begin sowing cool weather and heat-loving plants that you want to give a head-start, indoors. Use succession planting for crops for continuous harvest vs. maturing and harvesting all at once (sow these seeds every one to two weeks).

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Follow us on social media and our [website](#) to learn of upcoming events, Getaway Gardens updates, and for timely garden reminders and recommendations. Stop by some time and share your progress.

Most importantly, enjoy the journey! Make your container garden the outdoor oasis that is just right for you and yours. This may take trial and error, but the rewards are priceless.

