



# The Greenhouse

## Rita's Monthly Gardening Tip! April 2008 – Spring Planting



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The warmth of the sun is calling us to plant our gardens. Although the air is getting warmer, the soil is still cool from the winter chill. Also keep an eye on nighttime temperatures, which in early April are still going down to 38 degrees. Some plants do well in cool soil such as lettuce, broccoli and peas. And some plants need the soil to warm before they will flourish such as beans, tomatoes and peppers. Wait until the nighttime temperatures are averaging closer to 50 degrees before planting warm weather crops. Many flowers also have temperature needs. Pansy's and calendulas do well in cool weather and zinnias and cosmos want warmer soil and air. The garden centers tend to offer plants for sale based on popular demand rather than the best time to plant. Being aware of the temperature needs of garden plants will increase the success of your garden. The Farm's greenhouse is packed with veggies, flowers, herbs, succulents and houseplants for sale all grown by the children from seed or cuttings. Stop by and buy a plant for the kids. They are eager to make more.