

Planting Weekend is Here!!!

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The time MN gardeners have been waiting for is finally here! It's the last weekend of May, time to get planting. If you've been following the guidelines in my book, *The Minnesota Gardener*, then you are well prepared!

Now is the time that you can feel at ease planting your cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, beans, corn, and any other warm weather crop. You can also brighten your yard with a variety of flowers, which will attract necessary pollinators to your garden.

The extended Memorial Day weekend is a very popular time that most Minnesota Gardeners take advantage of for planting their vegetables because the danger of frost is slim to none. While you don't need to have your vegetables planted this weekend, it is wise to do it soon in order to give your plants ample time to grow and produce. Waiting too long to plant may mean that you will be up against the first frost this Fall before you are able to harvest.

Each year, I plant a red, white, and blue flower bed to honor my country and those who fought to protect it. I usually use petunia's but there are many options out there! In addition to Memorial Day, this garden bed lends itself to celebrate Independence Day and Veterans Day.

Consider tucking a patriotic garden bed, or even a flower pot, somewhere into your landscape this year.