Prepare your spring garden in the fall
SAVE TIME AND $$$$$

As the weather cools, get started on a bigger, better and earlier garden for next spring.

Get started this fall!
- Dig, turn, or till part of your garden.
- Work in compost and remove weeds.
- Cover your garden with hay or straw mulch.
- Start planning your spring garden.

When warmer spring weather returns:
- Remove the mulch.
- Let your soil dry out a little.
- Break up any soil clods with a hoe.
- Start planting!

Go garlic!
- Plant garlic in late October or early November.
- Take individual cloves and plant them pointed end up, 8 inches apart, 2-3 inches deep.
- Cover with 3-4 inches of straw or old hay.
- Harvest in late June or early July when about half of the plant turns brown.

Give spinach a try!
Spinach planted in early to mid-September has a chance of surviving the winter to grow again in the spring. It won’t likely produce a crop this year, but it will start to grow again in March or April next year – producing an early and sweet crop of leafy greens.

Think about a raised bed
Raised bed gardens will warm up and dry out sooner in the spring. This allows for earlier planting.

Two ways to make a raised bed:
1. Simply pile up soil and compost into a raised mound. No framing is required.
2. Use inexpensive framing materials like stones, blocks, or wood and fill with soil and compost.