

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.

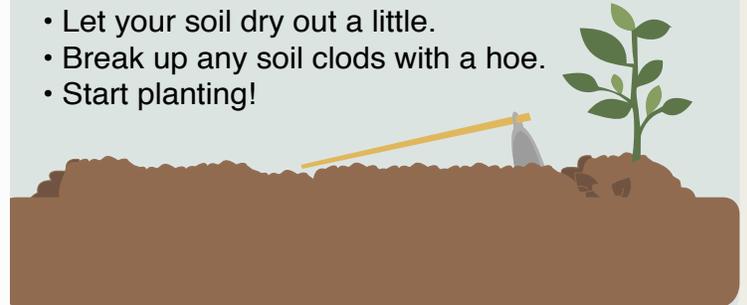
Get started this fall!

- 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.

Plant the pointed end of the clove up, the end with the hard, woody disc, down.



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.

