

## Spring Planting Rush

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Spring is a time for all plants to bloom and the earth to regenerate itself. In our area we have had an incredible amount of rain so we have a really green spring, which if you compare to the last two years' spring and coming out of the ravages of hard freeze is really a refreshing change. I hope the rain is an indication of the year to come and this means that we have a great year for the plants.

One misconception I would like to clear up though is that we have to make a huge rush to get every plant in by April. In the Houston area we plant year round. We do stop in the middle of freezes and drought but we are so lucky here to have a climate that allows plants to be planted 12 months of the year. It is warmer in July and August but really, the plants are still going to be in the yard that time of the year and still would need to be watered. All plants that are newly planted need to be thoroughly watered every day for 2 weeks, and then watched closely after that no matter what time of year it is. If you have an irrigation system that should not be a problem as you can just turn it on and relax. The weather should not dissuade you from landscaping in July or September as we have a great climate for plants.

Happy Gardening!

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