

# ROCKY RIDGE

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## National Colorado Day

April 12th recognizes the Centennial State and the 38th state to join the Union on National Colorado Day. The first of the Four Corner States, Colorado is dominated by the Rocky Mountains. Prehistoric Colorado comes to life in the Florissant Fossil Beds. Discover one of the most abundant deposits of fossils in the world while taking in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

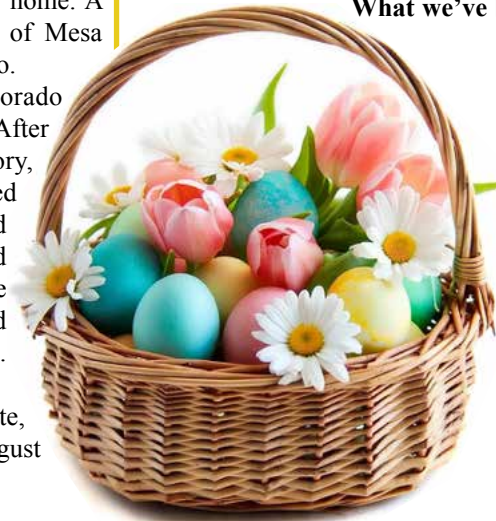
With plentiful wildlife and natural resources, the state makes a ready home. A city once thrived along the cliffs of Mesa Verde, populated by Ancient Pueblo.

Spanish first explored Colorado seeking streets paved with gold. After Colorado became a U.S. territory, Lieutenant Zebulon Pike explored the range of the newly acquired land. A summit he predicted would never be scaled bears his name today. Gold would be discovered setting off a fever in the mountains. A silver boom would soon follow.

Known as the Centennial State, Colorado entered the union on August 1, 1876.

## Interesting Facts For April

- The first president of the United States, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789
- April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The phrase “April Showers bring May Flowers” comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.
- The April full moon earns the name April’s Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it’s named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America’s early spring.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.



## April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

### Garden cleanup is the first priority:

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven’t done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

### What we’ve been waiting for – Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼” deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It’s not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

### Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

### Lawn Care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

### Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

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### Wasp Control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellowjackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellowjacket wasps.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting [ask.extension.org](http://ask.extension.org) any time day or night.

– **Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener**

## Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

### TASTE OF VAIL

**Vail, Colorado; Wednesday–Saturday, April 1-4, 2026**

Expect to eat well at the resort's early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country.

### BARREL INTO SPRING

**Palisade, Colorado; Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 and May 8-9, 2026**

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and an event "passport" to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

### DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

**Durango, Colorado; Friday–Saturday, April 24-25, 2026**

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a "walk-about" style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting, where you'll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend, so you can channel your inner sommelier.

– <https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

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Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.*

–*Luther Burbank*

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### Colorado DMV Completes Major Website Upgrade

Colorado has completed a major statewide upgrade to its DMV technology system, a project designed to modernize how driver and vehicle services are delivered across the state. The new platform replaces aging infrastructure with a faster, more secure system that supports improved online services and more efficient in-office transactions. The upgrade also streamlines the tools used by county staff, which will help reduce visit times and improve overall customer service as teams become fully familiar with the new workflow.

A key part of the modernization effort is the enhanced myDMV portal, which now allows residents to manage most driver and vehicle services in one place. Through a secure online account, Coloradans can renew licenses and registrations, update personal information, track correspondence, and receive official DMV notifications electronically. The state encourages all residents to create a myDMV account to simplify future transactions and avoid missing important deadlines.

The overall goal of the upgrade is to provide a more reliable, user-friendly experience for both online and in-person services, while strengthening security for sensitive information. As counties continue to optimize their processes within the new system, residents should see smoother service and expanded digital options.

—For more information, see: [mydmv.colorado.gov](http://mydmv.colorado.gov)

## Bloom Your Business This Spring: Connect Directly with Your Neighbors!



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is April 15th.**

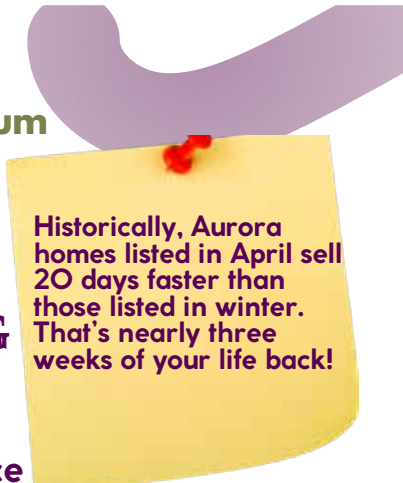
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# Timing Is Everything

Navigating the Spring Sweet Spot for Maximum Equity.



Historically, Aurora homes listed in April sell 20 days faster than those listed in winter. That's nearly three weeks of your life back!

## IS YOUR HOME EQUITY JUST SITTING THERE?

In this 2026 market, your home is more than just a place to live. It is your most powerful financial tool. Here are three ways to put that equity to work this spring.

The Move Up Play

The Bridge Loan

The Debt Snowball Reset

Use your current equity as a massive down payment for a larger home.

Buy your next home before you even sell your current one.

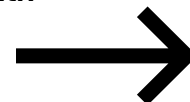
Use a HELOC to consolidate high interest debt like credit cards & car loans into one lower payment.

Lock in a stable 2026 rate before summer competition spikes prices.

Avoid the stress of a contingent offer in a fast-paced market.

By cleaning the slate you increase your purchasing power. Many clients use this RESET to qualify for a better move-up home later

Curious what your home is worth in this 2026 Spring market? Don't trust an algorithm; trust a neighbor. I'm providing free, custom Equity Snapshots for everyone in Rocky Ridge this month



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