



Powderhorn News

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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

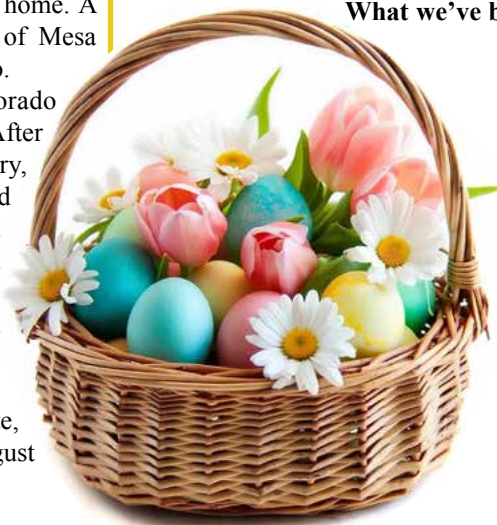
April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

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.



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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 any time day or night.

– Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

Foothills Art Market

Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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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.

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- Support and use recycling programs in your community.
- Volunteer to clean up local parks and streets on clean-up days.
- Support and frequent green businesses.
- Use re-usable products versus disposable.
- Repurpose items that have outworn their use.
- Shop secondhand and thrift stores for gently used items.
- Use energy-efficient appliances or line dry your clothes.
- Walk or ride your bike to work if possible.
- Carpool or make one trip instead of multiple trips for shopping.
- Encourage your favorite products to reduce packaging.

A Message from Foothills Park & Recreation District

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.

These restrictions help ensure the safety of all park users and prevent damage to park infrastructure and natural resources. We appreciate the community's cooperation in following park rules.

*Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers.
Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.*

—Luther Burbank

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