

things to do in spring

1 Prepare veg beds ready for planting, adding fertiliser and lots of compost. Try Yates Dynamic Lifter to condition your soil.

2 Sow Yates veg seeds in trays. In mild climates, sow directly into well prepared soil: carrots, parsnips, peas, leeks, radishes, beetroot, silverbeet, lettuces, rocket.

3 Plant out seedlings of cauliflowers, cabbages, lettuces, silverbeet and spinach. In cold areas, where frost still lingers, plant seedlings under cloches and cold frames.

Seed sowing tip:

Always use seed raising mix such as Yates Black Magic. Ordinary potting mix is too coarse and contains nutrients detrimental to successful germination.



4 Plant veges in Yates Tuscan self watering pots. The conditions in a pot are significantly warmer than the garden soil in early spring, so plants get going faster.

5 Protect young seedlings from slugs and snails with Blitzem or Baysol.

6 Plant some **natives** to bring birds into the garden.

7 Plant **potatoes** for Christmas dinner. Feed them with Yates Dynamic Lifter Plus Root Vegetable Food.

8 Plant **trees and shrubs** and add a layer of mulch to prevent weeds and conserve moisture.

9 Mulch and feed **roses**. Spray with Super Shield, or Yates Ready-To-Use Rose Gun to protect their new growth.

10 Trim winter and spring flowering shrubs such as rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias as soon as they finish flowering and before new growth commences.

11 Trim **hedges** then feed them with Yates Acticote controlled release fertiliser.

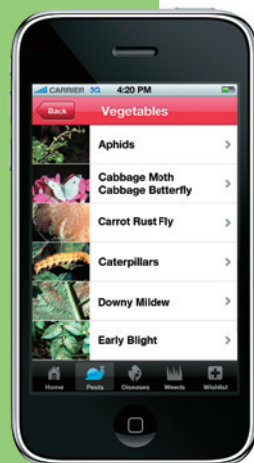
12 Feed the **lawn** with an organic-based lawn food such as Dynamic Lifter Lawn Food, or slow release Lawn Master. Sow new lawns once the soil temperature rises above 10 degrees.

13 Fill pots with **spring colour**: alyssum, cosmos, impatiens, lobelia, marigolds, pansies, petunias, phlox, scabiosa, snapdragons, lobelias, phlox, viola.

14 Sow Yates seed of these **flowers** directly into well-drained soil: alyssum, calendula, cornflowers, Californian poppies, sunflowers and sweet peas.

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Seeds to Sow in Spring

Veges Beans Beetroot Cabbage Capsicum Carrot Cucumber Lettuces Radish Rocket Silverbeet Spinach Tomato

Flowers Alyssum Ageratum Cornflower Cosmos Marigold Nasturtium Petunia Phlox Snapdragon Sweetpea

Herbs Basil Chives Coriander Dill Oregano Parsley Thyme

spring salads in a pot!

If you want to feed your family healthy salads, fresh is always best – and the freshest way to serve salad is to grow your own. It's easier than you might think. Just a few pots will supply enough greens for a small family.

Look on the Yates seed stand at your local garden centre and you'll find a choice of leafy salad varieties, including the Salad Mix packet and Mesclun Mix, great for gourmet cooks and gardeners with limited space.

Start with a few pots filled with quality potting mix. Salad greens need plenty of water, so a potting mix like Yates Professional, with added soil wetters and water-storing crystals, will help keep them hydrated. And Yates Tuscan Edge pots, with a self-watering reservoir in the base, are very forgiving if you occasionally forget to water.

Sprinkle a thin layer of Yates Seed Raising Mix on top of the potting mix to provide the right base to get the seeds going.

Sow seeds according to the instructions on the pack. Don't bury them too deeply: small seeds are usually sown at, or close to, the surface. Keep the seeds consistently moist while they're germinating. The easiest way to do this with small seeds like lettuce is to mist spray with a hand atomiser. If you use a hose or watering can, make sure the water flow is gentle – otherwise your seeds will be flooded out of the pot!

Feed and water your veges as they grow. Yates water soluble Black Magic Seedling Fertiliser gets seedlings off to a faster, healthier start, whether you have sown them direct or transplanted young seedlings from a punnet. Yates Thrive is a specially formulated blend which promotes rich healthy green growth and is good for your tomatoes too. Pick salad leaves as you need them and the plants will grow some more!

For a quick and easy search on what other veges and flowers you can grow from seed, plus a handy sowing calendar to download – go to www.yates.co.nz

Tip: Yates NEW Dynamic Lifter Plus Leafy Vegetable Food promotes rapid green growth of salad greens and herbs, improves the soil AND encourages earthworms.



OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SALAD BOWL

- Rocket
- Spring onions
- Young beetroot leaves
- Herbs
- Cherry tomatoes



All easy to grow in pots!



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