

## **April To-Do List for Zone 6**

Prepare beds when the soil is dry and warming up. Pull any weeds that have been growing all winter to keep your beds looking good. Walking on wet soil can lead to soil compaction. Installing paths between planting will allow you to work on your flower beds without compacting the soil that the plants are grown in.

Clean up any leaves and debris from last year's dead plants. Rake winter leaf mulch from flower beds and add compost around each plant as a Spring nutrient boost.

Now is the time to plant peas, onions, and plants in the cabbage family, as well as potatoes. Yukon gold potatoes take 100 days to mature and grow well in our climate.

Divide and replant perennials, all of the summer bloomers that may have grown into large colonies tend to diminish their bloom. Some plants need to be divided every three years to produce the most flowers each year.

Direct sow seeds of columbine, annual poppies, bachelor button, and larkspur. They do not mind the cooler weather and have a head start on their bloom season as a result.