

Now is the time to plant peas!

Here at Joe's we have many choices for delicious garden peas. Varieties such as Sugar Snap and Oregon Giant, which is good for freezing, are perfect for those seeking an edible pod.

Apprehensive about trellises and stakes?

Many of the varieties we carry, such as Little Marvel, do not require staking for easy planting and care. Stop by for more variety information and ideas about a spring vegetable garden!

Begin your summer planting celebration with JOE'S SPECIAL BLEND potting soil and our stock of flower and vegetable seeds

Springtime at Joe's

For many local gardeners, Joe's Greenhouse's spring opening marks the beginning of spring better than any calendar. It means warmer weather and warmer soil. It means anticipating flowerbeds and vegetable gardens. It means color and beauty.



For me, along with my family, Joe's Greenhouse means learning to do the hard things: shoveling soil, lifting trees, pulling weeds. It means learning how to prune, how to water, how to recognize one plant from another. And Joe's Greenhouse will always mean Grandpa Joe Thorson.

I realized this again a few days ago when I took my daughter with me to wander around Joe's Greenhouse and admire the tell-tale signs of spring. The pansies and primroses in full bloom shout the arrival of warmer weather and new life, and my 10 month old, who happens to be Joe and Mary Thorson's 101st great-grandchild, had a hard time resisting the fragrant blossoms. We enjoyed the hustle of transplanting and moving flats of tiny seedlings to their temporary destinations. We welcomed the scent of clean soil and water. We missed Grandpa.

Yet his legacy, from the buildings he constructed to the little girl in my arms, was everywhere. Joseph Thorson passed away in 2011, but because of him, Joe's Greenhouse means *dedication*. It means *family*. It means a life well lived.

This spring you may come to Joe's for many reasons. Perhaps you will browse through our beautiful array of annuals and perennials, check out our selection of vegetables or find the perfect product for your gardening and lawn care needs. Whatever your reason, maybe you will take a moment to think about, with gratitude, the meaning and miracle of beauty in our world. Grandpa was good at that.

Happy Spring!
Anna McBride/Editor



FAQ

QUESTION:

What's the difference between Pre-emergent and Post-emergent products?

ANSWER:

Pre-emergent products kill weeds before germination. This is a good choice to stop weeds from germinating in areas with desired established plants.

Post-emergent products kill weeds after germination. This is the way to go for areas where weeds have already emerged.

Too Early to Plant?

Figuring out when to plant can be tricky, especially with so much depending on the fickle spring weather. However, now is the perfect time to get a head start on planting garden favorites. These hardy and semi-hardy vegetables are available by seed or starts at Joe's. Hurry in for a great seed selection!



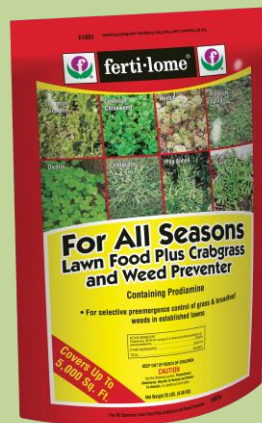
Approximate Beginning Planting Date: March 15

- Asparagus
- Rhubarb
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Kohlrabi
- Onion sets
- Peas
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Turnips

Approximate Beginning Planting Date: March 25

- Beets
- Brussels Sprouts
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Endive
- Lettuce
- Parsley
- Parsnip
- Potatoes
- Swiss Chard

Feed and Weed this season with products like Ferti-lome's "For All Seasons," a combination pre-emergent and fertilizer. Eliminating over 30 types of weeds before they germinate, this product also gives your lawn necessary nutrients to prepare for lush summer grass.



Frequently Asked Questions

