

Resources for Growers

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- What will grow in the Tehachapi area? When should I plant my crops?

Tehachapi crop list and calendar 204.54 Kb

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Grower Information Resources & Web Links

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Spring Planting Tips

- Get a jump on the planting season (and save some money) by starting vegetable seeds indoors. You can start lettuce, spinach, brassicas such as broccoli or cauliflower, and most other vegetables inside now to be ready to plant in 6 to 8 weeks. In addition to seed packets and vegetable starts found at your local nurseries, consider researching seed companies in order to add variety to the vegetables you are able to grow.

- Be sure to wait to plant outside until mid-May to early June unless you plan to protect tender crops from frost. Our last frost date (the day you can reliably count on frost-free nights) is June 1. We Can Help You

- Remember, we have a team of volunteers available to help out with your Grow, Eat (and Sell!) project. Feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions. The Tehachapi AFA is willing to try to help find the answers to any inquiries you might have. Can You Help Us?

- We need you. We are working to promote food, farming, and a strong local economy. We need your ideas about how to protect the future of agriculture in the Tehachapi area. Consider joining the Tehachapi Ag Futures Alliance as a member. We meet monthly. Local Resources

- Old Towne Nursery: 20681 Highway 202, Tehachapi, 661-822-6767, www.oldtownenursery.com

- Mountain Gardens Nursery & Pet: 503 S. Curry Tehachapi 661-822-4960

- Pioneer True Value Hardware

- Stallion Springs Gardens 661.822.7090 Online Resources

- Los Angeles County Master Gardener Program: Great resources from the University of California. Although the program is geared for Los Angeles County residents the site is full of relevant gardening information.

- Food Preservation Tips: www.kernfresh.com or www.seasonalchef.com/preserver.htm

- Seed Companies:

- Seeds of Change

- Burpee

- Johnny's Select Seeds

- Territorial Seed Company

- Farmscaping for natural pest control.

- Time Magazine Article on Local Organics

- Education:

- Teacher's Ag Seminar is an agriculture educational program sponsored by the Kern County Farm Bureau for teachers in grades K-12. Teacher's Ag Seminar is designed to provide a means for teachers to incorporate agriculture into the classroom curriculum during the school year by way of a close-up look at farming and ranching through hands-on experiences. The next seminar will take place in July or August 2007 and interested teachers should contact Rebecca Been, TAS Coordinator at (661) 867-2727.