

GARDENING EXPERT REVEALS WHAT TO PLANT NOW TO HELP YOUR GARDEN SPRING INTO SUMMER

- With blue skies signalling the steady arrival of spring, Brits should be looking to their gardens and preparing for the summer season ahead
- To help budding gardeners, B&Q's Head of Horticulture shares her comprehensive guide on what to plant when to guarantee a blooming garden
- The three-month guide covers breaks down key jobs, expert advice, and product recommendations to help any garden become a haven this summer

March 2025: With the days growing longer and temperatures beginning to rise, gardeners across Britain should be preparing to spring into summer.

That is the advice from **B&Q's Head of Horticulture, Stephanie Chambers**, who has compiled her guide to help the nation make the most of their gardens and outdoor spaces during these crucial spring months, so they have a haven for the coming summer.

Stephanie says: "For many gardeners, the first few warm spring days mean a burst of excitement as they look ahead to summer parties and BBQs they will have in their garden over the next few months. But as we look out into our gardens, they may seem a bit neglected, and it's tough to know exactly where to start when it comes to readying our spaces for summer. At B&Q, we're passionate about helping the nation tackle any problem in the home – or garden – so it needn't be overwhelming. Just follow this step-by-step guide or pop into any of our stores for advice."

Stephanie's month by month guide to help Brits make the most of their garden throughout spring and into summer:

APRIL

Stephanie says: "With the winter weather finally behind us, it's time to give your garden the gentle nudge it needs, as April is the time when your garden starts to really wake up. It's the perfect moment to plant [summer bedding plants](#) and early vegetables (like potatoes and parsnips), and if you're looking to bring colour to your garden, good plants to sow are [geraniums](#) and [petunias](#). And don't forget to also tend to your lawn in April with a [lawn feed](#) to create a strong and healthy looking lawn.


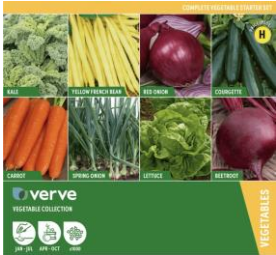


At B&Q, [our selection of vegetable seeds](#) will mean you'll always find something, no matter how much space, time or experience you have. Preparing your soil with soil conditioner now will ensure a flourishing and colourful garden when summer fully arrives. Check out our ['grow your own' guides](#) for our advice on how to look after all of your different plants."

Stephanie's key jobs for April:

- Plant summer bedding plants
- Sow early vegetables

- Refresh your soil with soil conditioner
- Clear away winter debris and tidy up garden beds

Stephanie recommends:

			
Verve Lavender 2ltr £7 (2 for £12)	Verve mixed vegetable seeds £5	Verve Peat-free Multi-purpose Compost 50L £6 3 for £15	Westland Triple Care Lawn treatment Granules £10

MAY

Stephanie says: “May is when the garden really comes alive. Without the worries of frost and cold damaging your plants, now is the ideal time to be in the garden, with fresh bluebells and roses blooming showing the signs it is well and truly spring. Dahlia & Lupins and summer bedding like Petunia & Geranium In a riot of colour, showing the signs that we are on the cusp of summer!

Now is a great time to plant frost-tender vegetables like [sweetcorn](#), [pumpkins](#), and [courgettes](#). By [adding mulch](#) you can help to improve the look of your beds whilst also keeping weeds at bay. May is also the [perfect time to plant tomatoes](#) which are a great starter vegetable if this is your first summer of growing. Alternatively sow salad crops like lettuce to share at the dinner table over the coming weeks!

There are plenty of little jobs to be doing too - make sure to maintain a tidy lawn by mowing once every week or so, and if your lawn mower needs an upgrade check out this [Erbauer 167cc petrol lawnmower](#).




Additionally, with the weather getting brighter, May is a great time to start setting up those inviting outdoor spaces for a summer of entertaining guests. our range of garden furniture, such as this [Cappuccino Rattan Bistro set](#), will ensure your garden is the go-to spot for friends and family alike!”

Stephanie’s key jobs for May:

- Plant frost-tender vegetables
- Add mulch to garden beds

- Plant out pot grown frost tender vegetables (Including tomatoes)
- Mow the lawn regularly
- Set up your outdoor seating area

Stephanie recommends:

		
<u>Verve Red Woodchip mulch</u> <u>100L Bag</u> £12	<u>Erbauer 167cc petrol</u> <u>lawnmower.</u> £399 £359	<u>Verve Tomato 'Gardener's</u> <u>Delight' Vegetable Seeds</u> £280

JUNE

Stephanie says: “By June, the fruits of your labours will be paying off and your garden should be beginning to feel like the haven you want it to. With any luck there will be plenty of good weather, however do bear in mind that this is when weeds will be at their strongest too, so stock up on a glyphosate-free weed killer like this one from [Resolva](#).




Watering is also essential so keep an eye on the forecast and water accordingly to help your plants be at their best, remembering to water when the sun is low in the sky as not to burn leaves and flowers. Consider investing in a rainwater butt to save water, especially if you can't use a hosepipe. Deadhead tired looking plants to make room for new blooms and [trim your hedges](#) to keep the garden looking neat.

You can also get ahead of autumn by planting flowers such as [wildflowers](#) or [pansies](#) or hardier plants like Salvia, Leucanthemum or Agapanthus to ensure you have a bright, blooming garden even later into the year.”

Stephanie's Key Jobs for June:

- Deadhead plants to prolong flowering
- Keep an eye on the weather and water accordingly
- Trim hedges and keep up regular lawn maintenance

Stephanie recommends:

		
<u>Mac Allister Corded 550W Hedge trimmer</u> £69	<u>Verve Mix Wildflower Seeds</u> £4.70	<u>Verve Sunshine Gazania Seeds</u> £2.50

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