

Annual Flowers

Hardiness

Even though the average last spring frost is May 16th in Pocatello and May 22nd in Idaho Falls, you don't have to wait until then to plant many of your flowers. Many annual flowers and vegetables are tolerant of frost and can be planted earlier in the season. Note: Most perennials are hardy and can be planted out beginning in early April.

The following list should help you determine which annual plants are most hardy. Remember, even hardy plants need to be hardened off for a few days if they have been growing in a warm greenhouse. Just put them outside during the day and bring them in at night if there is a chance of frost. After a few days they should be ready to plant outside.

Codes: T = Tender - Plants may be damaged with even a light frost. Wait until late May to plant these unless you are prepared to cover them in the event of frost.

HH = Half Hardy - Plants will take a light frost (probably down to the upper 20's), maybe more if they are fully hardened off. These are usually safe to plant out in late April or early May.

H = Hardy - Plants will usually tolerate a hard frost (probably to the upper teens) without any permanent damage. These can usually be planted out in early April.



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Ageratum	T	Dahlia	T	Lotus	T
Ajania	T	Dianthus	H	Lysmachia	HH
Alonsoa	T	Diascia	HH	Marigold	T
Alyssum	HH	Dracena	HH	Melampodium	T
Anagalis	T	Dusty Miller	H	Mentha	HH
Angelina	T	Felicia	HH	Mimulus	HH
Argerantherum (Boston)	T	Fuschia	T	Nasturtium	T
Artemesia	H	Gazania	HH	Nemesia	HH
Asparagus Fern	HH	Geraniums	T	Nicotiana	T
Aster	T	Glechoma	HH	Nierembergia	HH
Asteriscus	T	Godetia	H	Osteospermum	H
Bacopa	HH	Gomphrena	T	Pansy	H
Begonia	T	Gysophila	T	Petunia	HH
Bidens	T	Hebe	HH	Plectranthus	T
Brachycome	T	Helichrysum	HH	Portulaca	T
Bracteantha	T	Heliotrope	T	Salvia	T
Browallia	T	Hypoestes	T	Sanvitalia	T
Calceolaria	T	Ice Plant	HH	Scabiosa	T
Calendula	H	Impatiens	T	Scaevola	HH
Calibrachoa	HH	Ipomoea	T	Schizanthus	HH
California Poppy	H	Isoplepis	HH	Snapdragon	H
Campanula	H	Ivy-English	H	Solanumn	T
Carnation	HH	Ivy Kenilworth	H	Statice	HH
Centaurea	HH	Kale	H	Stock	HH
Centradenia	HH	Lamiastrum	H	Strobilanthes	T
Chloroptum	T	Lamium	H	Sweet Peas	HH
Chrysanthemum	H	Lavandula	H	Torenia	T
Cleome	T	Lantana	HH	Verbena	T
Coleus	T	Linaria	T	Vinca Vine	T
Cosmos	T	Livingstone Daisy	T	Wandering Jew	T
Cuphea	HH	Lobelia	HH	Zinnia	T

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