



Frost Hardiness of Flowers

Although the average last spring frost is around May 20th in east Idaho, many flowers are tolerant of frost and can be planted earlier in the season. Most perennials and many annual flowers 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 end of March to early April.

HARDY

All Perennials	H
Artemesia	H
Calendula	H
California Poppy	H
Campanula	H
Chrysanthemum	H
Dianthus	H
Dusty Miller	H
Godetia	H
Ivy-English	H
Ivy Kenilworth	H
Kale	H
Lamiaeum	H
Lamium	H
Lavandula	H
Osteospermum	H
Pansy	H
Snapdragon	H

Glechoma	HH
Hebe	HH
Helichrysum	HH
Ice Plant	HH
Isolepis	HH
Lantana	HH
Lobelia	HH
Lysmachia	HH
Mentha	HH
Mimulus	HH
Nemesia	HH
Nierembergia	HH
Petunia	HH
Scaevola	HH
Schizanthus	HH
Statice	HH
Stock	HH
Sweet Peas	HH

Chloroptum	T
Cleome	T
Coleus	T
Cosmos	T
Dahlia	T
Fuschia	T
Geraniums	T
Gomphrena	T
Gysophila	T
Heliotrope	T
Hypoestes	T
Impatiens	T
Ipomoea	T
Linaria	T
Livingstone Daisy	T
Lotus	T
Marigold	T
Melampodium	T
Nasturtium	T
Nicotiana	T
Plectranthus	T
Portulaca	T
Salvia	T
Sanvitalia	T
Scabiosa	T
Solanum	T
Strobilanthes	T
Torenia	T
Verbena	T
Vinca Vine	T
Wandering Jew	T
Zinnia	T

HALF HARDY

Alyssum	HH
Asparagus Fern	HH
Bacopa	HH
Calibrachoa	HH
Carnation	HH
Centaurea	HH
Centradenia	HH
Cuphea	HH
Diascia	HH
Dracena	HH
Felicia	HH
Gazania	HH

TENDER

Ageratum	T
Ajania	T
Alonsoa	T
Anagalis	T
Angelina	T
Argeranthemum (Boston)	T
Aster	T
Asteriscus	T
Begonia	T
Bidens	T
Brachycome	T
Bracteantha	T
Browallia	T
Calceolaria	T

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