

MAY 2023

GARDENING TO DO'S



HOME is
where your
PLANTS are!

Good to Know!

- Redford Beautification Commission Perennial Exchange May 20th
- Michigan Gardener Magazine available at the library this month (while supplies last)



Let the Gardening Begin!

The last spring frost date is May 8!

- In early May direct sow seeds for peas, carrots, parsnips, scallions, beets, and greens. Also direct sow the flowers calendula and alyssum.
- Continue to harden-off and transplant hardy seedlings like onions, broccoli, cabbage, and greens.
- At the end of the month, direct sow seeds for beans, squash, cucumber, corn, okra, gourds, and melons. Flowers that can be sown: Zinnias, cosmos, and marigold seeds.



NATURAL WAYS TO CONTROL GARDEN PESTS



With Plants

- Catnip prevents aphids, beetles, caterpillars and shield bugs.
- Dill prevents aphids, caterpillars, shield bugs and spider mites.
- Mint prevents aphids, beetles, caterpillars, shield bugs and whiteflies.
- Nasturtium prevents aphids, beetles, caterpillars and shield bugs.

With Beneficial Bugs

- Beneficial bugs are helpful insects that pollinate and protect your garden. To attract these pollinators, predators, and parasitizers, try adding native plants such as yarrow, goldenrod, and Queen Anne's lace, and flowering herbs like lavender, sage, fennel, and lemon balm. Dill and mint can perform double-duty by attracting the beneficial insects and repelling pests!

Assassin Bugs	Ground Beetles	Praying Mantids
Bees	Hoverflies	Robber Flies
Butterflies	Ladybugs	Soldier Beetles
Green Lacewing	Parasitic Wasps	Spiders



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