



Dig In!

VOL. 11: STEPPING OUTSIDE FOR SPRING

HOW TO TRANSITION PANSIES & PERENNIALS



That 80° weekend felt like spring, but in Iowa, frost is still part of the forecast. If you picked up early-season plants like pansies or hardy perennials, now's the time to harden them off. These cooler-tolerant varieties can handle the transition, but they still need a gradual introduction to outdoor life. By easing them into changing temps, you'll help them build strength to handle the ups and downs of early spring.

Ease into the outdoors

Set pansies and hardy perennials outside during the warmest part of the day, once temps are above freezing. A few hours of sun and fresh air helps them adjust without shock.

Bring them in at night

Temperatures can drop quickly after sunset. Bring plants inside or into the garage each night to avoid frost damage. Repeat this for 3-4 days to build tolerance.

Ready for spring

Once hardened off, these plants can handle light frost and even a bit of snow. After that, they're ready to be planted and enjoyed outdoors.

A few days of work now makes for stronger plants all spring!



SPRING FRESH LETTUCE READY FOR YOUR HOME

Lettuce bowls are a perfect early spring option—hardy, fresh, and well-suited for Iowa's cooler temperatures. Like pansies and perennials, they benefit from the same hardening off process, gradually getting used to outdoor conditions so they can stay outside through the chill.

Once established, lettuce bowls are incredibly easy to maintain and harvest. Simply cut around the container as needed and enjoy fresh lettuce for salads night after night. Available now at our Grimes and Ankeny locations.



SPRING CONTAINER SEMINAR

March 26th - 6 pm

March 28th - 10 am - 2 pm

GRIMES LOCATION
3355 SE GATEWAY DRIVE

GET TIPS FROM SEMINAR LEADER RITA

LEARN TECHNIQUES & PLANT YOUR OWN

7 3.5" PLANTS, 12" POT & SOIL INCLUDED

\$45 PER CONTAINER

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Spring Container Seminar

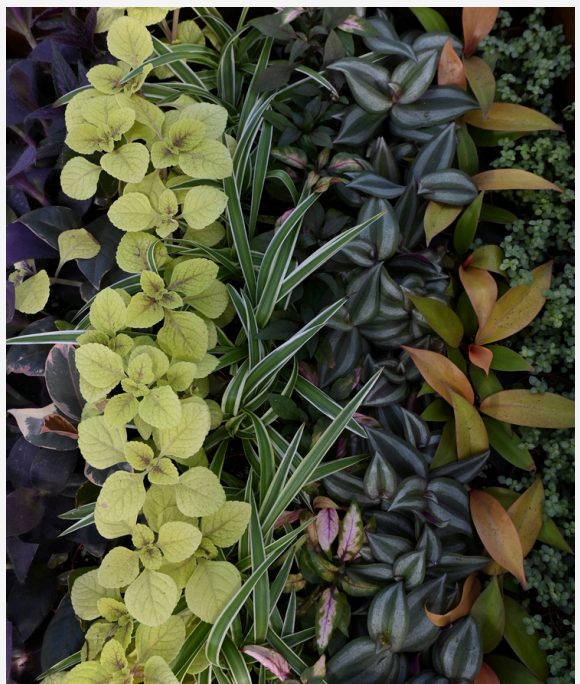
This year's Spring Container Seminars are happening this Thursday and Saturday. For \$45, you'll create your own lush container using seven 3.5" plants in a 12" pot, with all supplies included. Seminar leader Rita and our team will guide you step-by-step, sharing tips and design insight to help your container thrive all season long.

Call 515-986-4160 during business hours to reserve your place for one of the remaining sessions.

THE HOUSEPLANT RESTOCK HAS ARRIVED

Our first houseplant drop of the year nearly sold out, and we've restocked with fresh selections grown in Florida. You'll find the return of our best-selling varieties along with new options to bring life and greenery into your home.

If you're not quite ready for the maintenance of early season outdoor plants, houseplants are a great way to enjoy something vibrant and low-stress indoors. Shop our Ankeny and Grimes locations daily from 10-6 and find the perfect addition for your space.



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