

Gardening with the Holidays

April – Part 2

“Keep America Beautiful Month”



- 19 [Passover](#) begins at sundown, lasts 8 days.
- 21 [Patriot's Day](#) Third Monday
- 22 [Earth Day \(U.S.\)](#)
- 23 National Zucchini Bread Day
- 24 [Take Your Daughter to Work Day](#) 4th Thursday
- 25 [Arbor Day](#) always the last Friday in April

National Zucchini Bread Day?

Apparently the founder of this holiday was anxious a tasty loaf of bread. I made a loaf just last week from zucchini I grated and froze for that purpose. The frozen grated vegetable works beautifully because once thawed, the liquid drains off easily and the skin, pulp and seeds are mixed into the bread. Some people prefer to skin the zucchini, but I like to see the bits of green in the bread. A little coconut and nuts give the bread a great flavor so this is a good time to use up the leftover Christmas cookie fixings.

Seed for zucchini and other squash can be started indoors until the frost danger is over if you are in a big hurry for fresh squash. Otherwise, the plants mature in about 50-60 days when seed is sewn directly in the ground.

4H PLANTING GUIDE FROM PURDUE
http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rwynkoop/4h/when_to_plant.htm.

Arbor Day and Earth Day

Arbor Day - J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska established Arbor Day in 1872 because Nebraska had wide-open prairies but no wood for building homes and no fuel for heat. It is now a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees to help nature and the environment.

Earth Day - was established in 1970 through the efforts of Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. Earth Day called attention to the earth's dwindling resources and harmful environmental practices, and it put the environment on the national agenda. The EPA was created the same year.

PURDUE TO SPONSOR EARTH DAY INDIANA ON APRIL 26, 2008

When: April 26, 2008
Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Where: American Legion Mall

The American Legion Mall is located in downtown Indianapolis at North Street between N. Meridian and North Pennsylvania Streets.

Purdue Agriculture is sponsoring Earth Day Indiana 2008!

On the final Saturday of every April, thousands of Hoosiers head to

downtown Indianapolis to attend one of the nation's largest Earth Day festivals. The Earth Day Indiana Festival combines 100 environmental and conservation exhibits with live music from some of Indiana's best new bands, special activities for kids and good food. An estimated 20,000 people attended the 2007 Earth Day Indiana Festival.

For more information:

<http://www.earthdayindiana.org/news.html>

EARTH DAY MENU

Choose locally harvested foods for the menu if you possibly can. Our local Farmer's markets open in May. This might be the year to buy a bushel of wheat for bread baking. Maybe local farmers would show up at Farmer's Market with a little encouragement from the Master Gardeners. Wheat stores well in clean plastic milk jugs or clean 2-liter cola bottles.

New Salad Greens with Sliced Green Onions & Radishes

Sautee of Dandelion Greens in Butter with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Roast Beef with Mushrooms, Parsley, Basil, Hot Pepper, Carrots, Onions and Potatoes

Rhubarb Pie with Homemade Ice Cream; or Winter Squash Pie with Whipping Cream

Red Wine from any Indiana Winery