



## *Gardening Tips for April 2025*

1. April is a key month for planting vegetable seeds /seedlings e.g. tomatoes, capsicums; eggplants; lettuce; radish; beetroot; silver beet; beans; cucumber; zucchini; cabbage; broccoli; turnip; onions and garlic. ([www.queenslandgardening.com](http://www.queenslandgardening.com))
2. April to September are the best months to plant roses in SE Qld. Varieties that suit our climate include – ‘Duchesse de Brabant’, ‘Lorraine Lee’, ‘Mister Lincoln’, ‘Iceberg’, ‘Climbing Pinkie’ and the ‘Knock Out’ Series. ([www.ahigardens.com.au](http://www.ahigardens.com.au))
3. If you are looking for something around 1-2 metres tall but ‘thin’ consider cane stemmed begonias. They grow tall (though often need stakes) and flower well till mid-autumn. Try *B. maculata* if you like pokka dots or *B. coccinea* for its pendulous heart-shaped leaves with red undersides and margins. ([www.bhg.com.au](http://www.bhg.com.au))
4. With cooler weather coming using mulch to retain moisture is less important but mulching is still needed – especially things like sugar cane mulch to help keep winter weeds down and enrich the soil as it decays. Don’t forget not to put it too close to stems or diseases such as moulds etc. will increase. ([www.nurseriesonline.com.au](http://www.nurseriesonline.com.au))
5. With shorter days coming remember that most cacti need at least 3 hrs of direct light. Rotate to give all sides the sun but not on hot days. The ‘soft’ side can easily burn. ([www.cactusvision.com.au](http://www.cactusvision.com.au))