Spring Gardening Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Tools**

☐ **Let your lawnmower to have the oil changed, bolts tightened and blades sharpened.**

☐ **Inspect your gardening tools.**

☐ **Remove soil from your tools' metal parts.**

☐ **Sharpen your tools.**

☐ **Rub the metal parts with olive oil to lubricate them.**

☐ **Lawn**

☐ **Assess your lawn's health.**

☐ **Purchase Test kits for soil testing.**

☐ **Take your lawn sample to an expert at your garden store and ask for a diagnosis.**

☐ **Lime, treat moss and, finally, reseed as needed.**

☐ **Fertilize your lawn.**

☐ **Get rid of weeds as they sprout.**

☐ **Consult an expert in your area for dealing with persistent pests.**

☐ **Soil**

☐ **Remove mulch over the course of several days, exposing the soil gradually.**

☐ **Till or spade soil 6 to 12 inches deep.**

☐ **Mix in compost, peat moss and fertilizer for plants or vegetables.**

☐ **Rake the soil level to smoothen out low spots.**

☐ **Seeding and Planting**

☐ **Choose neighboring vegetables carefully.**

☐ **Plant some perennial vegetables right in your rich new soil.**

☐ **Later in the month seed or set out hardier vegetables.**

☐ **Be sure the seedlings get lots of light.**

☐ **Plant fruit trees and berries (from late March into April).**

☐ **Set out or plant new roses and cool-loving flowers.**