Annuals Weather Guide

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Warm weather annuals

Annuals that should be planted when the threat of cool weather has passed. These are some of the first garden annuals to succumb to the first frost in the fall. Gardens planted entirely with these plants will be a total loss at the first frost. In zone #5, Memorial Weekend is usually a safe time to plant out in the garden.

Impatiens

Madagascar Periwinkle

Coleus

Celosia

Moss Rose

Zinnia

Nasturum

Fuschia

Thunbergia (Black-eyed Susan) vine

Ageratum

Etc.

Tough Annuals

This group of annuals can be planted in early May and will tolerate cold to very cold weather. I have seen some bloom into November. These plants need to be hardened before putting out in the early spring. The plants marked with *** are very hardy, ** hardy but not as tough.

Petunia**

Snapdragon**

Dusty Miller***

Salvia**

Ornamental Cabbage***

Alyssum**

Cleome**

Kochia**

Dianthus (Pinks)**

Carnations**

Pansy***

Nicotianna (Flowering Tobacco)**

Candytuft**

Etc.

In Betweener Annuals

Most of the annuals fall into this category. Depending on the weather they can be planted around the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. Many will tolerate cold weather and maybe a light frost.