

❖ Seasonal Planting Calendar ❖

for Evening Gardens

Evening gardens come alive at dusk, offering fragrant blooms, luminous foliage, and flowers that open in twilight hours. This calendar guides you through the year, helping you create a magical moonlit sanctuary filled with night-blooming flowers, silvery foliage, and sweetly scented plants that release their perfume as the sun sets.

❄️ WINTER (December - February)

Key Tasks: Plan your evening garden layout • Order seeds and bulbs • Prune dormant shrubs • Prepare beds with compost

Plant	Notes
Hellebores (Christmas Rose)	Plant in partial shade; pale blooms glow at dusk
Winter Jasmine	Fragrant yellow flowers; plant near pathways
Snowdrops	Early bulbs with white, luminous blooms
Witch Hazel	Spidery, fragrant flowers visible against winter skies

■ SPRING (March - May)

Key Tasks: Direct sow hardy annuals • Plant out tender seedlings after frost • Divide perennials • Mulch beds

Plant	Notes
Evening Primrose	Sow seeds; yellow blooms open at sunset
Night-Scented Stock	Direct sow for intense evening fragrance
White Tulips	Plant bulbs in fall for spring luminosity
Sweet Rocket (Hesperis)	Plant seedlings; fragrant white/purple blooms
Moonflower Vine	Start indoors; large white trumpet flowers
Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)	Transplant after frost; evening fragrance

■ SUMMER (June - August)

Key Tasks: Deadhead regularly • Water deeply in evening • Stake tall plants • Harvest herbs at dusk

Plant	Notes
Angel's Trumpet (<i>Brugmansia</i>)	Dramatic pendulous blooms; intoxicating scent
Four O'Clocks	Colorful flowers open in late afternoon
Night Phlox (<i>Zaluzianskya</i>)	Honey-scented; white flowers open at night
Casa Blanca Lilies	Large white fragrant blooms; plant in spring
Tuberose	Plant bulbs; intensely sweet evening fragrance
Night-Blooming Jasmine	Container plant; powerful nighttime scent
White Petunias	Glow in moonlight; light fragrance at dusk

■ AUTUMN (September - November)

Key Tasks: Plant spring bulbs • Collect seeds • Protect tender plants • Add white chrysanthemums

Plant	Notes
Night-Blooming Cereus	Bring indoors; spectacular one-night blooms
Japanese Anemones (white)	Late-season elegance; pale blooms
Autumn Clematis	Masses of small, fragrant white flowers
White Asters	Late color; reflective in low light
Ornamental Grasses	Plant now; silvery plumes catch moonlight

◇ Evening Garden Design Tips ◇

- **Layer Your Scents:** Plant fragrant flowers at different heights - low night-scented stock, mid-height nicotiana, and tall jasmine on trellises.
- **Create Moonlight Paths:** Line walkways with white and silver foliage plants like Dusty Miller, Lamb's Ear, and white alyssum.
- **Add Reflective Elements:** Include a small water feature or gazing ball to catch and multiply moonlight.

- **Consider Foliage:** Silver-leaved plants like Artemisia, Senecio, and variegated hostas glow beautifully at twilight.

- **Include Night Pollinators:** Moths are drawn to pale, fragrant flowers - your garden will be alive with gentle visitors.

"The garden at night is a different world - one of mystery, fragrance, and enchantment."