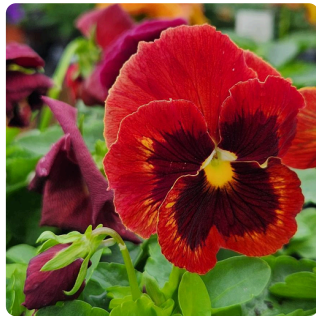

Have questions? Reply to this email and we'll respond as soon as possible.



April Showers? More like April Snowfalls!

After the beautiful springtime weather we've been having, tomorrow night's freezing temps certainly come as a shock! But worry not, there are things you can do to protect your outdoor plants and crops.



Annuals- Unfortunately with most annuals, temperatures below 32° can freeze leaf tissue and turn them to mush after just a few hours. If planted in containers, move them inside or to a garage until nighttime temperatures are above freezing. If planted in the ground, you'll want to cover them to offer a few degrees of protection (more info on that below.) Pansies, however, are a cool season flower and while their blooms may sustain a little damage, the plant itself will be just fine!

Perennials- Anything that is currently blooming may sustain damage to their flowers, but the plant itself will not be damaged! So the best thing to do is to cover them with a sheet or fabric tent for now until the danger of frost has passed.

Vegetables- The variety and age of your veggies will vastly determine how they respond to frost. Seedlings that are young and tender under 6-8 weeks of age will need to be covered to protect them- and even then, you may lose a few unless you're able to safely bring them inside. Established cool season vegetable plants like broccoli, cabbage, peas, and potatoes should be okay without cover! However, if they are considered "Frost-Tender" or "Warm-Loving", like tomatoes and peppers, even established plants will need to be covered.



Covering your plants:

You'll want to cover your plants in something fabric that is lightweight and breathable, *never* plastic. Some support to keep the weight of the fabric up off the

plants (such as stakes or trellises) would be helpful in preventing physical damage- like breaking tender stems.

Cold Damage:

If your plants sustain a little damage, that's okay! They will likely outgrow it depending on the severity. Often only a portion of the plant will be affected, and those stems or leaves can be snipped back, and in many cases, the growing point of the plant will survive and produce new foliage.

Featured Houseplant:



This week's featured houseplant is the **Blue Star Fern!** This unique fern loves bright, indirect to medium light. Too much light can scorch the leaves, but not enough light will turn its leaves pale (losing its blue-green hue.) Water when the top inch of soil is dry, as it likes to be moist but not soggy. It loves high humidity, so regular misting, a pebble tray with water, or a good old fashioned humidifier will help it thrive!

This Week's To-Do List!

Our weekly segment where we give you the top priorities for your garden!

- Assess your landscape plants for any winterkill. (What is winterkill? It's when a plant or part of a plant dies by exposure to extreme winter conditions.)
- Plant clover seeds to naturalize your lawn. Available by special order only, email alice@alicesgardenindy.com for more information.

Upcoming Classes:

- April 6th, 1pm: [DIY Pottery Painting](#)
- April 13th, 1pm: [Make Your Own Moss Pole](#)
- April 20th, 1pm: [Plant Repotting Class](#)
- April 27th, 1pm: [Porch Pot Workshop](#)
- April 27th, 10am-6pm: [FREE Spring Kickoff Event!](#) (no registration required)
- May 4th, 1pm: [Mother's Day Candle Pouring Workshop](#)
- July 13th, 1pm: [Advanced Macrame Hanging Plant Holder Class](#)

To purchase tickets to any of these events, head to our [Eventbrite Page](#), visit the store, or call us at (317) 291-1441 to reserve your spot today!



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