

Time to start growing your transplants

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And now, soon to come, one of the most enjoyable and productive gardening projects of the year. That's my humble opinion. It is time to grab a few seeds and some quality starting soil mix and grow a few of your own transplants! It's a project more of us should tackle, and here's why.

When you start your own transplants, you have the freedom of selecting the variety of tomato or the type of pepper you really want to grow in your garden. If you



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haven't been overly pleased with the variety [or quality] of the store bought transplants in the past, it just makes sense to try growing your own. It also gives you the opportunity to get yourself involved in the gardening process earlier in the season. Let me be very clear here. Very few of us ever have a quarrel

with the transplants we purchase each spring at the community's reputable greenhouse and garden center, if we're fortunate enough to have one. But for those of us who don't, or if we are insistent on growing a specific variety, this "grow your own" project is most worthwhile.

It's simple to determine when to start your transplants. In the case of tomatoes or peppers, remember that it will be May 10th to 15th before you should plant them outside. To

grow a garden-ready transplant requires about seven weeks of indoor care before they are ready to go outside. Cabbage and broccoli plants can withstand a bit of frost, so they can go outside about May 1st, or earlier. So, just count back seven weeks from the outside planting dates and you should come up with March 22nd to March 27th. The time to act is very near.

So, pick up a small bag of seed starting formula soon. Do NOT try to start your seed in regular garden soil. Locate some kind of plastic tray or pan in which to start your

seeds. Now comes the most critical part of the procedure. Just as soon as the plants emerge, move the tray into an area of very bright light, but not direct sun. Failure to follow that step in the process will result in tall, leggy, yellow, useless plants. So-called "grow lights" are best, but there are very few homes that cannot provide an area where there is 10 to 14 hours per day of very bright light. Again, failure to do so will result in project failure.

When the little plants get their first set of true leaves, repot them into their own individual little 2

x 2 inch peat or plastic cubicle. Keep them in the intense light until outdoor planting time. During their final week of indoor captivity, let them outside on nice days for a couple of hours so that they will get used to what is in store for them at planting time.

It's a fun project, allowing you to plant what you specifically desire. It also allows you to get your hands dirty just a little earlier. Questions? Call me or send me an Email at vkmelia@yahoo.com.

Agronomy centers accepting donations for food

CHS Agronomy Centers are gathering donations of money, food and grain to help raise the equivalent of 1 million meals for hungry families. As part of the first-ever CHS Harvest for Hunger food and food drive, CHS will accept contributions till through Friday at its locations in Quinter, Colby, Selden, Brewster and Burlington and deliver them to Feeding America's network of

food banks. "We're excited to participate in CHS Harvest for Hunger, said Jeff Kahle, manager. "For every donation we collect, CHS Country Operations will also make a local contribution to help friends and neighbors right here in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to multiply the impact of every donation we make."

Financial donations are encouraged because food banks can utilize their buying power to provide nutritious food at deeply discounted rates; in fact, every \$1 donated helps provide seven meals, according to Feeding America, the nation's leading hunger-relief charity.

CHS Inc., is a leading energy, grains and foods company committed to providing essential resources that enrich lives. For nearly 80 years, the CHS system has valued volunteerism and been responsible stewards in its communities; the first-ever CHS Harvest for Hunger

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"Hunger is a reality for one in six Americans," said Kahle. "Our goal of helping to harvest a million

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Contact Jennifer Riedel at (785)754-3318 or jennifer.riedel@chsinc.com for more information about CHS Harvest for Hunger.

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