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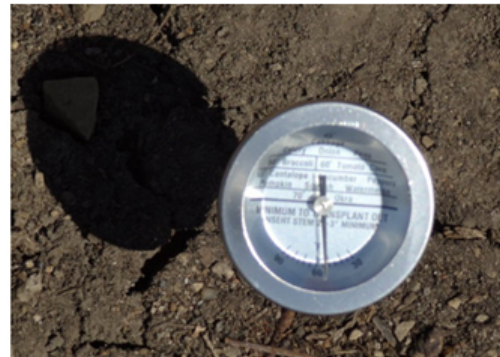
## It's Planting Time!

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**The snow has mostly melted now, and the frost is out of the ground.** A recent check of the soil temperature showed 55 degrees---it's time to plant greens! For the first time, we've grown an early crop of cool loving greens. Most can be planted right now, and the first harvest will not be far off. If you can't get around to planting them, you can leave them in their packs for a while, and you can even harvest some leaves while they are still in their packs. These are all "cut and come again" greens, so you will be able to harvest several times before the warm weather starts in June. (Earlier this spring, I wrote two blogs about planting "cool loving greens." Here are the links [<greens1>](#) and [<greens2>](#)) if you'd like to review them.)



Included in this year's collection of greens are about seven kinds of lettuce, three of spinach, two kale, five Asian greens, plus Lamb's Lettuce (mache), Orach, Cress, and French Sorrel. Some of these were started as early as January---a bit too early as it turned out. We've had to cut some of them back to keep the plants firm and sturdy. We've been eating those early clippings, and I can attest to the surprisingly broad range of delicious flavors.



Now, you might think it's still too early to plant. The little garden alongside our office is in a favorable spot, very near the building, and in full sun. The snow has been gone from there for a few weeks now, and I was getting the itch to plant something. Just to make sure, I got out my soil thermometer and found the temperature was 55

degrees. That is plenty warm for things like most greens, onions, and peas. For the first time, we are including some videos as the spring planting season begins (see below).

As always, please [email me](#) with any questions or comments.