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Horticulture Hotline...home gardener's current concerns:

Damping-Off (0:20)

University plant pathologists say frequently germinating seeds are killed by damping-off fungi before they emerge from the soil. Many gardeners start seeds indoors.

Home gardeners who have lost seeds to damping-off may have to seed these plants in the garden or buy seedlings from nurseries or garden centers.

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Working In Garden (0:24)

University of Minnesota horticulturists say wait until the lawn and garden dry out some before you start your spring gardening.

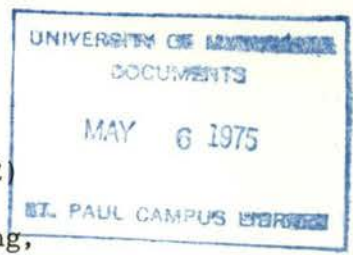
If the soil sticks to the tools, it is too wet to work. Now is a good time to get your gardening supplies. Planting now may be a waste of time since some seeds will not germinate in cold, wet soils.

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Pruning Evergreens (0:12)

For a desirable form, prune evergreens in the spring, just as the buds open and before new needles unfold. Pruning is merely cutting off tips of new growth with a sharp knife or hedge shears.

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