



Vegetable Planting Calendar

Take the guesswork out of growing your own groceries with our Bay Area planting chart. Then swing by Sloat Garden Center - each week our stores receive shipments of fresh, locally grown organic vegetable and herb plants, carefully selected for your neighborhood microclimate. Start growing now for a bountiful and organic garden!

Warm Weather Vegetables - Best Time To Plant

Crop	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Basil				●	●	●	●					
Beans				●	●	●	●	●				
Corn				●	●	●	●					
Cucumber				●	●	●						
Eggplant*				●	●	●	●					
Melon*					●	●						
Peppers*					●	●						
Pumpkins					●	●						
Squash, summer				●	●	●	●					
Squash, winter					●	●						
Tomatoes				●	●	●						
Watermelon*					●	●						

*Will not thrive in cool areas**

Warm weather vegetables want both warm soil and very warm temperatures. These plants are killed by frost and must be planted after the last frost date in your area. We use St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, as a "safe" date. If planted any earlier, you may need some protection from late season frost.

Cool Weather Vegetables - Best Time To Plant

Crop	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Beets		●	●	●	●	●	●	●				
Broccoli		●	●	●			●	●	●			
Brussels Sprouts		●			●	●	●	●				
Cabbage		●	●	●				●	●			
Carrots		●	●	●				●	●	●		
Cauliflower		●	●	●				●	●			
Celery		●	●	●			●	●	●			
Chard & Kale		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Kohlrabi		●	●	●			●	●				
Lettuce		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Onions, Bulbing	●	●	●									
Parsnips				●	●			●	●			
Peas		●	●	●				●	●	●		
Potatoes		●	●	●	●	●		●				
Radishes		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Rutabagas		●	●					●	●			
Spinach	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
Turnips		●	●					●	●			

Cool weather vegetables are most successful if matured when temps are mild and cool. If temperatures are very warm or hot, they'll become bitter and possibly "bolt" (go to seed) rather than produce edible parts. They should be planted in early spring so they're harvested before the summer heat.

A second crop can be planted in late summer for harvesting in fall/winter. Root crops planted in late summer and fall can be overwintered but must be harvested in early spring.