

## Seasonal Planting Guide

This guide walks you through what steps to take from when to start your seeds, planting seedlings, direct sowing, and succession sowing by your gardening zone and climate so you can raise as much of your own food as possible.

Under each month, just go to your zone to see what gardening tasks and plants you'll be doing.

If you don't know your gardening zone, you can find [that out here at the USDA Hardiness Zone Map](#)



### January

#### Zones 3-5

Take inventory of seeds have on hand & make list of what needs to be purchased

Plan out what crops you'll be growing this year (use planning charts and worksheets from The One-Year Garden Plan) and place an order for seeds needed.

#### Zones 6-7

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#### Zones 8-9

Plant onions outdoors

Sow broccoli & beets outdoors

Prune blueberries, raspberries and fruit trees weather permitting

#### Zones 10+

Plant onion sets outdoors

Sow lettuce, spinach, broccoli, peas, beets, carrots

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## February

### Zones 3-5

Start onions from seed indoors (10 to 12 weeks before last average frost date)

Start celery & leeks indoors

Start rosemary, lemongrass indoors

### Zones 6-7

Start celery & leeks indoors

Start rosemary, lemongrass indoors

Plant garlic as soon as soil is workable if missed fall planting

Prune blueberries, raspberries and fruit trees weather permitting

### Zones 8-9

Plant onion sets outdoors

Start cabbage, celery, broccoli, kale, lettuce, spinach & cauliflower indoors

Start tomatoes indoors (6-8 weeks before last average frost date)

Start pepper seeds indoors (8-10 weeks before last average frost date)

Start eggplant indoors (4-6 weeks before last average frost date)

Plant garlic

Sow lettuce, kale, peas, beets, & carrots outdoors

### Zones 10+

Plant onion sets outdoors

Sow lettuce, beets, carrots, and celery indoors

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## March

### Zones 3-5

Start onions from seed indoors (10 to 12 weeks before last average frost date)

Start broccoli, cauliflower, bok choy, kale & cabbage indoors

Start eggplant indoors

Start thyme, marjoram, fennel, and basil

Plant bare root fruit trees and perennials if ground is workable

Plant spinach (when soil is workable)

Prune blueberries, raspberries and fruit trees weather permitting

### **Zones 6-7**

Start eggplant indoors

Start thyme, marjoram, fennel, oregano, parsley, sage and basil indoors

Start onion from seed indoors, early part of March (10 to 12 weeks before last average frost date)

Start pepper and tomato seeds indoors (mid to end of March)

Plant radishes and snow peas end of March

Start Brassica indoors from seed (cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, etc)

Start annual herbal flowers indoors from seed (German chamomile, calendula, arnica, etc.)

Prune blueberries, raspberries and fruit trees weather permitting (if not done in earlier months)

Plant bare root fruit trees and perennials if ground is workable

Sow beets

Start eggplant indoors

Plant spinach (when soil is workable)

Plant kale & lettuce outdoors

### **Zones 8-9**

Plant onion sets outdoors

Sow beets & peas

Start eggplant, tomatoes, & peppers indoors

Plant broccoli, cabbage, spinach, lettuce & cauliflower outdoors

### **Zones 10+**

Plant corn after last spring frost

Sow lettuce & summer squash

Plant sweet potato

Start tomatoes, melons & eggplant indoors

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## April

### Zones 3-5

Start tomato and peppers by seed (8 to 10 weeks before last frost)

Plant onion sets & potatoes and direct sow radishes, snow peas, kale, carrots, spinach (if not planted in March) and lettuce

Plant oregano, sage & parsley

Sow broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, spinach, & tomatoes indoors

### Zones 6-7

Plant onion sets & potatoes and direct sow radishes, snow peas, kale, carrots, and lettuce

Plant out *brassica* seedlings

Plant beets (end of April or when soil temps reach 55+)

Start warm weather seeds indoors if not using direct sow next month

Plant bare root fruit trees and perennials if ground is workable

Plant oregano, sage & parsley

### Zones 8-9

Start warm weather seeds indoors if not using direct sow next month

Plant oregano, sage & parsley

Sow beets, peas, lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, corn, beans & winter squash

Start brussel sprouts indoors

Plant celery outdoors

Plant sweet potatoes

### Zones 10+

Start warm weather seeds (tomato, eggplant, pepper) indoors if not using direct sow next month

Sow cucumber, melons, corn, & beans outdoors

Plant melons if started indoors last month

## May

### Zones 3-5

Sow carrots, lettuce, kale, onions, peas, & spinach outdoors (try beets the end of May if soil is warm, they tend to like a bit warmer temps than the other vegetables)

Plant broccoli, kale, lettuce, spinach outdoors

Plant cabbage, brussels sprouts & cauliflower indoors

### Zones 6-7

Direct sow warm weather crops (summer squash, beans, corn, winter squash, cucumbers, etc.) when soil temp is 60+ degrees and all danger of late frosts has passed

Plant tomatoes and peppers starts

Succession sow lettuce, radishes, greens, and beets every 2 to 3 weeks for continual summer harvest

Plant out annual warm weather herbs and flowers

### Zones 8-9

Sow beans

Plant potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, pepper

### Zones 10+

Plant celery, tomato, eggplant, & pepper outdoors

Plant potatoes

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## June

### Zones 3-5

Plant beans indoors (zones 3 & 4), plant beans outdoors (zone 5)

Plant beets, cabbage, cauliflower & brussels sprouts outdoors

Sow corn, cucumber, & squash outdoors

Plant outdoors tomatoes and peppers after all danger of frost has passed (mid to end of June)

### Zones 6-7

Succession sow lettuce, radishes, greens, and beets every 2 to 3 weeks for continual summer harvest

**Zones 8-9**

Sow beans, cucumber, squash & corn

Plant brussel sprouts outdoors

**Zones 10+**

Plant sweet potatoes

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**July**

**Zones 3-5**

Plant all warm weather starts outdoors if you didn't in June

**Zones 6-7**

Succession sow lettuce, radishes, greens, and beets every 2 to 3 weeks for continual summer harvest

**Zones 8-9**

Start brussels sprouts & cabbage indoors

**Zones 10+**

Start brussels sprouts indoors

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**August**

**Zones 3-5**

Plant garlic late August if ground is frozen by September

Sow beets, carrots, kale, lettuce, spinach for succession planting

**Zones 6-7**

Plant cool weather fall crops of brassicas, beets, and carrots

**Zones 8-9**

Sow broccoli, cabbage, kale, lettuce, spinach and cauliflower indoors

Plant brussels sprouts outdoors

Start cauliflower indoors

## **Zones 10+**

Sow lettuce outdoors

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## **September**

### **Zones 3-5**

Plant garlic

Plant broccoli, kale, lettuce, & spinach outdoors

### **Zones 6-7**

Plant garlic late September

Sow cover crops if using

### **Zones 8-9**

Sow beets, peas, carrots, & spinach

Plant broccoli, cabbage, lettuce & cauliflower outdoors

### **Zones 10+**

Plant brussels sprouts outdoors

Start cabbage indoors

Sow spinach, peas, & winter squash outdoors

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## **October**

### **Zones 3-5**

### **Zones 6-7**

Plant garlic early October if missed September planting

### **Zones 8-9**

Plant onion seeds outdoors

Sow beets & lettuce

Plant kale, cabbage, cauliflower & spinach outdoors

### **Zones 10+**

Start cauliflower indoors

Sow kale, lettuce, broccoli, peas, beets, & carrots outdoors

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## November

**Zones 3-5**

**Zones 6-7**

**Zones 8-9**

**Zones 10+**

Plant cabbage & cauliflower outdoors

Sow beets & carrots outdoors

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## December

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**Zones 10+**

- Frost dates by zone chart <https://morningchores.com/frost-dates/>
- What to plant by month <https://www.ufseeds.com/learning/what-to-plant-now/>
- Zone 10 Planting Calendar <https://veggieharvest.com/calendars/zone-10.html>

I hope you enjoyed this guide!

I'm Melissa K. Norris and a 5th generation homesteader who married a city boy... but that city boy quickly became a country boy and turned into a bonafide farmer when he moved to our family property. With our two children we believe in keeping the old ways alive, that our food shouldn't come in boxed packages with ingredient lists a mile long you can't pronounce.

We still grow and seed save the same strain of heirloom Tarheel green pole beans my family has been cultivating for over 100 years, because there's some things worth saving.

We live on 14.96 acres in the foothills of the North Cascade mountain range of Washington state. We raise 100% of our own meat from our organic grass-fed beef (holler to the sturdy white-faced brown Herefords), a flock of hens for fresh eggs, meat chickens we butcher ourselves, and organic pork (cuz you haven't eaten bacon until you've had home grown).

I started MelissaKNorris.com and Pioneering Today to bring homegrown and from scratch back to a modern world. One of my favorite places to start is building a [Great Depression Era Pantry with Frugal Recipes and Tips](#)



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