

Planting Schedule Worksheet

Have you ever wondered when you should be planting your veggies? You know... is it the right time to plant tomatoes now? What about kale or cabbage?

Timing is really **everything** in the garden. If you don't plant your veggies at the right time, they aren't going to do as well... and in turn your garden is going to suffer.

And that's why we've put together this quick worksheet that will make planning your garden calendar not only easy - but fun!

Here's how to create your very own planting schedule in three easy steps:

1

Find Your Average First and Last Frost Dates

First, go to this website and enter your zip code:

[Click here for the frost date calculator](#)

Record your average last spring and first fall frosts:

Average Last Spring Frost: _____

Average First Fall Frost: _____

2

Look Up Your Best Planting Dates

For this step you'll need a list of the veggies you would like to plant.

Next use the following resource to look up the best planting dates for each of the veggies on your list:

[Click here for the seed planting calculator](#)

Enter your last and first frost dates collected in step one and click "Calculate".

You should end up with a page that looks like this:

Seed Planting Calculator

Use this calculator to determine the optimal time to start your seeds. If you do not know your first or last expected frost dates, [click here](#) to find your dates from the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) website.





Please note: the dates provided by this calculator are estimates only.

Spring Planting
Enter Your **Last** Expected Frost Date:
Date Format: MM/DD

Fall Planting
Enter Your **First** Expected Frost Date:
Date Format: MM/DD

Calculate

Recommended Planting Methods: ☀ = Direct Sow 🏠 = Start Indoors

		Spring Planting Dates	Fall Planting Dates
	Beans	Apr. 14 - May 12 ☀	—
	Beets	Feb. 17 - Mar. 3 ☀	Aug. 4 - Sept. 22 ☀
	Broccoli	Feb. 17 - Mar. 3 🏠	May 26 - July 7 ☀
	Brussels Sprouts	Feb. 17 - Mar. 3 🏠	May 26 - July 7 ☀

You'll see your suggested planting dates listed in the columns for "Spring Planting Dates" and "Fall Planting Dates".

If there is a dash listed (for example in some spots in fall planting dates column) this is because the crop listed does not grow well in the fall.

3 Create Your Planting Calendar

Now it's time to actually create your planting calendar!

Pull out your paper calendar or open your calendar app on your phone or computer and start plugging in when you should be planting each of the veggies in your garden.

You'll notice that for each one there is a date range given. This means you can plant them any time during that date range. I'd suggest picking a specific week in that date range to set as your goal for when you want to get each crop planted.

Also make note that crops with a little house icon next to them should be started indoors while ones with a sun icon can be planted straight out into the garden.

If you are interested in succession planting then see our [Ultimate Garden Cheat Sheet](#) for tips on which crops to plant multiple times during the season.

Additional Resources:

Here are some additional resources you can use to look up the best planting dates for your garden.

Johnny's Seeds Calculators:

[Seed Starting Date Calculator](#)

[Succession Planting Calculator](#)

[Fall Planting Calculator](#)

Farmer's Almanac:

[Visual Planting Dates Calculator](#)