

Planting Guide

USDA Zone 3

Last Frost
May 12

First Frost
Sep 25

Growing Season
110-130 days

Zone 3 Tip: Short season. Prioritize early-maturing varieties. Heavy mulch helps extend season.

Fruiting Vegetables

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Roma Tomatoes	Indoor	Mar 31	Apr 28	Sep 6
Jalapeno Peppers	Indoor	Mar 17	Apr 28	Sep 10
California Wonder Peppers	Indoor	Mar 17	Apr 28	Sep 15
Crimson Sweet Watermelon <i>Tight season. Consider earlier-maturing variety.</i>	Both	Apr 28	May 12 or earlier	Aug 14
Pickling Cucumbers	Both	Apr 28	May 12 or earlier	Jul 15
Dark Green Zucchini	Both	Apr 28	May 12 or earlier	Jul 10
Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin	Sow	—	May 12	Aug 10
Luffa Sponge Gourd <i>May not fully mature. Start indoors early.</i>	Sow	Apr 28	May 12	Aug 24

Herbs

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Large Leaf Basil	Indoor	Apr 14	Apr 28	Jul 24
Coriander (Cilantro)	Sow	Apr 21	May 12	Jul 27
Parsley	Sow	Apr 21	May 12	Aug 1
Catnip	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 11

Root Vegetables

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Sugar Beets	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 1
Bulls Blood Beets	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 1
Snowball Turnips	Sow	—	Apr 28	Jul 1
Scarlett Nantes Carrots	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 11

Legumes & Corn

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Provider Green Bush Beans	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 1
Sugar Lace Snap Peas	Sow	—	Apr 28	Jul 11
Yellow Dent Corn	Sow	—	May 12	Jul 31
Short season. Choose early dent corn varieties.				

Leafy Greens & Brassicas				
SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Utah Celery	Indoor	Mar 3	Apr 28	Oct 19
Butter Crunch Lettuce	Both	Apr 14	May 12 or earlier	Jul 29
Red Russian Kale	Sow	—	Apr 28	Jul 6
Long Island Brussels Sprouts	Indoor	Mar 17	Apr 28	Oct 5
White Bunching Onion	Sow	—	Apr 28	Aug 20

Tree Seeds	
Japanese Maple Spring/Fall Fall preferred. Shade when young.	Red Cedar Fall Bare-root in dormant season.
Southern Yew Spring Slow grower. Good hedge plant.	Chinese Elm Spring Drought-tolerant once established.