

# Planting Guide

USDA Zone 8

Last Frost  
Mar 5

First Frost  
Nov 20

Growing Season  
220-250 days

**Zone 8 Tip:** Mild winters allow fall/winter planting in many areas. Nearly year-round growing.

## Fruiting Vegetables

| SEED                      | METHOD | START INDOORS | DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT | HARVEST BY |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Roma Tomatoes             | Indoor | Jan 22        | Feb 19                  | Jun 30     |
| Jalapeno Peppers          | Indoor | Jan 8         | Feb 19                  | Jul 4      |
| California Wonder Peppers | Indoor | Jan 8         | Feb 19                  | Jul 9      |
| Crimson Sweet Watermelon  | Both   | Feb 19        | Mar 5 or earlier        | Jun 7      |
| Pickling Cucumbers        | Both   | Feb 19        | Mar 5 or earlier        | May 8      |
| Dark Green Zucchini       | Both   | Feb 19        | Mar 5 or earlier        | May 3      |
| Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin    | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | Jun 3      |
| Luffa Sponge Gourd        | Sow    | Feb 19        | Mar 5                   | Jun 17     |

## Herbs

| SEED                 | METHOD | START INDOORS | DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT | HARVEST BY |
|----------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Large Leaf Basil     | Indoor | Feb 5         | Feb 19                  | May 17     |
| Coriander (Cilantro) | Sow    | Feb 12        | Mar 5                   | May 20     |
| Parsley              | Sow    | Feb 12        | Mar 5                   | May 25     |
| Catnip               | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | May 4      |

## Root Vegetables

| SEED                    | METHOD | START INDOORS | DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT | HARVEST BY |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Sugar Beets             | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | Apr 24     |
| Bulls Blood Beets       | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | Apr 24     |
| Snowball Turnips        | Sow    | —             | Feb 19                  | Apr 24     |
| Scarlett Nantes Carrots | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | May 4      |

## Legumes & Corn

| SEED                      | METHOD | START INDOORS | DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT | HARVEST BY |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Provider Green Bush Beans | Sow    | —             | Mar 5                   | Apr 24     |

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| Sugar Lace Snap Peas | Sow | — | Feb 19 | May 4  |
| Yellow Dent Corn     | Sow | — | Mar 5  | May 24 |

| Leafy Greens & Brassicas     |        |               |                         |            |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| SEED                         | METHOD | START INDOORS | DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT | HARVEST BY |
| Utah Celery                  | Indoor | Dec 25        | Feb 19                  | Aug 12     |
| Butter Crunch Lettuce        | Both   | Feb 5         | Mar 5 or earlier        | May 22     |
| Red Russian Kale             | Sow    | —             | Feb 19                  | Apr 29     |
| Long Island Brussels Sprouts | Indoor | Jan 8         | Feb 19                  | Jul 29     |
| White Bunching Onion         | Sow    | —             | Feb 19                  | Jun 13     |

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