

Planting Guide

USDA Zone 9

Last Frost
Feb 20

First Frost
Dec 5

Growing Season
250-280 days

Zone 9 Tip: Very mild climate. Many crops can be planted year-round or in fall/winter.

Fruiting Vegetables

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Roma Tomatoes	Indoor	Jan 9	Feb 6	Jun 17
Jalapeno Peppers	Indoor	Dec 26	Feb 6	Jun 21
California Wonder Peppers	Indoor	Dec 26	Feb 6	Jun 26
Crimson Sweet Watermelon	Both	Feb 6	Feb 20 or earlier	May 25
Pickling Cucumbers	Both	Feb 6	Feb 20 or earlier	Apr 25
Dark Green Zucchini	Both	Feb 6	Feb 20 or earlier	Apr 20
Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin	Sow	—	Feb 20	May 21
Luffa Sponge Gourd	Sow	Feb 6	Feb 20	Jun 4

Herbs

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Large Leaf Basil	Indoor	Jan 23	Feb 6	May 4
Coriander (Cilantro)	Sow	Jan 30	Feb 20	May 7
Parsley	Sow	Jan 30	Feb 20	May 12
Catnip	Sow	—	Feb 20	Apr 21

Root Vegetables

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Sugar Beets	Sow	—	Feb 20	Apr 11
Bulls Blood Beets	Sow	—	Feb 20	Apr 11
Snowball Turnips	Sow	—	Feb 6	Apr 11
Scarlett Nantes Carrots	Sow	—	Feb 20	Apr 21

Legumes & Corn

SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Provider Green Bush Beans	Sow	—	Feb 20	Apr 11

Sugar Lace Snap Peas	Sow	—	Feb 6	Apr 21
Yellow Dent Corn	Sow	—	Feb 20	May 11

Leafy Greens & Brassicas				
SEED	METHOD	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW / TRANSPLANT	HARVEST BY
Utah Celery	Indoor	Dec 12	Feb 6	Jul 30
Butter Crunch Lettuce	Both	Jan 23	Feb 20 or earlier	May 9
Red Russian Kale	Sow	—	Feb 6	Apr 16
Long Island Brussels Sprouts	Indoor	Dec 26	Feb 6	Jul 16
White Bunching Onion	Sow	—	Feb 6	May 31

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.