Ohio Gardening Calendar

- Planting dates are based on Zone 6a. Spring planting dates should be adjusted 1 week earlier for Zone 6b and 1 week later for Zone 5b.
- Soil temperature is more important than air temperature when planting seeds. Cool season vegetables require soil temperatures above 55°F. Warm season vegetables require soil temperatures above 75°F. Warmer soils speed germination.
- Most vegetables can be planted starting July—September for a fall garden. Check varieties for the number of growing days needed for a crop and compare with first frost date in order to make sure that there are enough growing days remaining.
- Cool season vegetables can stand light frost and may continue growing until a hard freeze.
- Vegetables to be transplanted in the spring should be started indoors approximately 4 weeks prior to planting date on calendar.
- Cool Season vegetables are generally those in which the plant is eaten (i.e. leaves, stems and roots). Sweet peas are also included.
- Warm Season vegetables are generally those in which the fruit of the plant is eaten (i.e. tomatoes, peppers, corn, etc.)
- Cover crops can be planted as soon as the garden is finished in September or October
- Additional gardening information can be found at u.osu.edu/ohiovictorygardens