

# 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°. Warm season vegetables require soil temperatures above 75°. 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](http://u.osu.edu/ohiovictorygardens)

March

After March 15

Asparagus

Collards

Onion (sets)

Peas

Radish

Spinach

Turnips

After March 25

Leeks

Mustard

Potatoes

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CFAES

April

Asparagus

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

Swiss chard

Collards

Leeks

Lettuce

Mustard

Onion (sets)

Peas

Potato

Radish

Spinach

Turnips

After April 15

Broccoli

Brussel Sprouts

Cauliflower

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CFAES

May

Beans (pole, bush, wax)

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

Cauliflower

Swiss chard

After May 15

Cucumbers

Eggplant

Muskmelons

Peppers

Pumpkins

Leeks

Lettuce

Onion (sets)

Radish

Sweet Corn

Turnips

Squash (summer, winter)

Sweet potato

Tomatoes

Watermelon

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CFAES

June

Beans (pole, bush, wax)

Cucumbers

Eggplant

Muskmelons

Okra

Peppers

Pumpkins

Southern Pea

Squash (summer, winter)

Sweet Corn

Sweet potato

Tomatoes

Watermelon

Before June 10

Onion (sets)

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CFAES

July

Beans (pole, bush, lima, wax)

Cucumbers

Eggplant

Okra

Peppers

Southern Pea

Squash (summer, winter)

Sweet Corn

Tomatoes

Before July 15

Muskmelons

Pumpkins

Sweet Potato

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CFAES

August

All Month

Cucumbers

Southern Pea

Squash (summer)

Before August 20

Beans (bush, wax)

Sweet Corn

Tomatoes

Before August 10

Beans (pole)

Broccoli

Brussel Sprouts

Cabbage

Chinese Cabbage

Cauliflower

Collards

Lettuce

Mustard

Rutabaga

Turnips

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CFAES

September

Before September 10

Summer Squash

Broccoli

Brussel Sprouts

Cabbage

Chinese Cabbage

Leaf Lettuce

Bib Lettuce

Before September 20

Cauliflower

Collards

Cucumbers

Mustard

Rutabaga

Turnips

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CFAES

October

Plant

Garlic\* (Hardneck varieties recommended)

Cover Crops

Cereal Rye

Wheat

Triticale

Chores

Compost leaves

Compost dead plants

Dispose of diseased plants

Open new garden beds for next year

Plant cover crops

Take soil samples

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CFAES

November

Gardening

Chores

Compost leaves

Compost dead plants

Dispose of diseased plants

Open new garden beds for next year

Take soil samples

Apply lime or sulfur

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CFAES

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Average Last Spring Frost	
Zone 5b: May 15—May 30	
Zone 6a: May 1—May 15	
Zone 6b: April 16—April 30	
Average First Fall Frost	
Zone 5b: Sept. 21—Oct. 5	
Zone 6a: Oct. 6—Oct. 21	
Zone 6b: Oct. 23—Nov. 7	