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.

**Estimated Last Spring Frost**
- Zone 5b: May 15—May 30
- Zone 6a: May 1—May 15
- Zone 6b: April 16—April 30

**Estimated First Fall Frost**
- Zone 5b: Sept. 21—Oct. 5
- Zone 6a: Oct. 6—Oct. 21

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**March**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **After March 15**
    - Asparagus
    - Collards
    - Onion (sets)
    - Peas
    - Radish
    - Spinach
    - Turnips
  - **After March 25**
    - Leeks
    - Mustard
    - Potatoes

**April**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **After April 15**
    - Broccoli
    - Brussels Sprouts
    - Cauliflower
  - **After April 25**
    - Mustard
    - Onion (sets)
    - Peas
    - Potato
    - Radish
    - Spinach
    - Turnips

**May**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **After May 15**
    - Cucumbers
    - Eggplant
    - Muskemelons
    - Okra
    - Peppers
    - Pumpkins
    - Squash
    - (summer, winter)
    - Sweet Corn
    - Tomatoes
    - Watermelon

**June**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **Before June 10**
    - Onion (sets)

**July**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **Before July 15**
    - Muskmelons
    - Pumpkins
    - Sweet Potato

**August**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **Before August 10**
    - Beans (pole, wax) (summer, winter)
  - **Before August 20**
    - Beets (bush, wax) (summer, winter)
    - Cabbage
    - Collards
    - Lettuce
    - Mustard
    - Rutabaga
    - Turnips

**September**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **Before September 10**
    - Broccoli
    - Brussels Sprouts
    - Chinese Cabbage
    - Leaf Lettuce
    - Bib Lettuce
  - **Before September 20**
    - Cauliflower
    - Collards
    - Mustard
    - Rutabaga
    - Turnips

**October**
- **Garden Planting**
  - **Plant**
    - Garlic* (Hardneck varieties recommended)
  - **Cover Crops**
    - Cereal Rye
    - Wheat
    - Triticale
  - **Chores**
    - Compost leaves
    - Compost dead plants
    - Dispose of diseased plants
    - Rake open new garden beds for next year
    - Take soil samples
    - Apply lime or sulfur

**November**
- **Gardening**
  - **Chores**
    - Compost leaves
    - Compost dead plants
    - Dispose of diseased plants
    - Rake open new garden beds for next year
    - Take soil samples
    - Apply lime or sulfur

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