

SPRING SEED STARTING SCHEDULE

Frost-free date in your garden: _____

Using the dates below calculate the "setting-out dates" and "when to start indoors" dates:

Crop	Safe setting-out dates (relative to frost-free date)	Setting-out dates	Weeks to transplant	When to start indoors	Helpful tips
Asparagus	4 weeks after (seedlings) 2 to 4 weeks before (crowns)		12 to 14		Set in trenches 6-10 inches deep
Basil	1-6 weeks after		6		Can direct seed when soil is warm after last frost
Beans, Fava	7 weeks before		Not applicable		Direct seed
Beans, Lima	1-2 weeks after		3 to 4		Handle with care; can direct seed 2 weeks after last frost
Beans, Snap	8 weeks after		3 to 4		Treat roots gently; can direct seed anytime after last frost
Beets	4 weeks before		3		Disturb roots as little as possible; can direct seed 2-4 weeks after last frost
Broccoli	4 weeks before to 2-3 weeks after		6 to 8		Transplants well; can direct seed 4-6 weeks before last frost
Brussels Sprouts	4 weeks before to 3 weeks after		6 to 8		Can also figure seed-starting date by counting back 120 days
Cabbage	5 weeks before to 2-3 weeks after		6 to 8		Set out earlier with protection; can direct seed about time of last frost
Carrots	4 weeks before		5 to 6		Handle transplants carefully; can direct seed 4-6 weeks after last frost
Cauliflower	4 weeks before to 2 weeks after		6 to 8		Transplants well
Celeriac	Anytime after		8		Use transplants to get a head start on season
Celery	3 weeks before to 4 weeks after		6 to 8		Set out when the temperature is above 50°F; direct seed only with long season
Chinese Cabbage	4-6 weeks before		4		Use transplants only
Chives	Anytime after		6 to 8		Can plant divisions as soon as soil is workable
Collards	4 weeks before to 2 weeks after		6 to 8		Can direct seed 3-4 weeks before last frost
Corn	2-3 weeks after		4		Can direct seed early types 2 weeks after last frost; others 4 weeks after
Cucumber	2 weeks after		2 to 3		Handle carefully; can direct seed 1-2 weeks after last frost
Dill	Anytime after		8 to 10		Handle carefully; can direct seed anytime after last frost
Eggplant	2-3 weeks after		8 to 10		Pre-warm soil with plastic mulch
Endive & Escarole	4 weeks before to 2 weeks after		4 to 5		Can direct sow 2-4 weeks before last frost
Garlic	2-4 weeks before to 1 week after		4 to 6		Set point 1 inch deep; can plant directly 4-6 weeks before last frost
Kale	5 weeks before to 2 weeks after		6 to 8		Can direct seed 4-6 weeks before last frost
Kohlrabi	5 weeks before to 2 weeks after		6 to 8		Can direct seed 4-6 weeks before last frost
Leeks	5 weeks before to 2 weeks after		4 to 6		Use transplants to get a head start on season