

**Table 2 (continued)**  
**Vegetable Gardening at a Glance: How to Plant and Store**

	Recommended Planting Dates for Sections of California*				General Planting Requirements				Storage Conditions		
Vegetables	North and North Coast: Monterey County north	South Coast: San Luis Obispo County south	Interior Valleys: Sacramento, San Joaquin, and similar valleys	Desert Valleys: Imperial, Coachella valleys	Crop Type	Amount To Plant (Family of Four)	Between Plants In Rows (distance in inches**)	Between Rows - No Beds (distance in inches**)	Best Temp (°F)	Time Length (Weeks)	How to Preserve***
Squash <sup>1</sup> winter	May	Apr. - June	Apr. - June	Feb. - March Aug.	W	2 - 4 plants	24 - 48	72	55	8 - 24	Can, dry or freeze
Tomatoes <sup>1,3</sup>	May	Apr. - July 15	Apr. - May	Dec. - March	W	10 - 20 plants	18 - 36	36 - 60	55-65	1 - 2	Can, dry or freeze
Turnips <sup>1</sup>	Jan., Aug.	Jan. Aug. - Oct.	Feb., Aug.	Oct. - Feb.	C	10 - 15 ft row	2	18 <sup>4</sup>	32	8 - 12	Can
Watermelons	May - June	Apr. - June	Apr. - June	Jan. - March	W	6 plants	60	72	40	2 - 3	Freeze

<sup>1</sup>This crop is suitable for a small garden if compact varieties are grown.

<sup>2</sup> In a suitable climate, these crops can be planted more than once/year for a continuous harvest.

<sup>3</sup> Transplants, shoots, or roots are used for field planting.

<sup>4</sup> If grown in beds, plant two rows per bed. Space the beds about 32 - 40 inches apart and make the tops of the beds 18 inches wide.

\*Since the areas shown here are large, planting dates are only approximate, as the climate may vary even in small sections of the state. Contact experienced gardeners in your community and experiment on your own to find more precise dates.

\*\*Planting distances listed here are standards. Many crops can be spaced more closely for intense production.

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