




Recommended times to plant vegetables in Santa Clara County

Use this chart as a guideline for when to plant your vegetables in Santa Clara County. The dates given to transplant seedlings or plant seed directly into the ground are for best results on average in central Santa Clara County. The best times for your garden may vary depending on factors such as your location in the county, any microclimate conditions, and the weather in any given year. The pale green squares on the ends of some ranges indicate this variability.






































-  Good time for transplanting
-  Good time for seeding
-  Borderline months that might work

Growing transplants from seed









































































To grow your own transplants from seed, use the times under the column headed "From seed to transplant" to calculate when to sow seeds in pots for the transplants to be ready. For example, to have broccoli seedlings ready to transplant in mid-September, you should start your seeds about 6 weeks earlier, around August 1.

Harvest times

Harvest times are not included in this chart because they may vary widely depending on variety and season. Seed packets and plant tags often give an estimated "days to maturity" from planting to harvest that you can use as a guideline. Note that crops mature more slowly in the cool fall/winter season than in the warm spring/summer season.

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	From seed to transplant
<u>Artichoke</u>	Transplant													12 weeks
<u>Arugula</u>	Transplant													4 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Asparagus</u>	Plant crowns													
<u>Basil</u>	Transplant													6 weeks
<u>Beans</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Beets</u>	Transplant													6 weeks
	Direct seed													

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	From seed to transplant
<u>Fava beans</u>	Direct seed		✱✱						✱✱	✱✱				
<u>Fennel</u>	Direct seed		✱✱	✱✱	✱✱					✱✱	✱✱			
	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱					🌱	🌱			6 weeks
<u>Gailon</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱				🌱	🌱				6 weeks
<u>Garlic</u>	Plant cloves										🌱	🌱		
<u>Kale</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱					🌱	🌱			4 weeks
	Direct seed			✱✱	✱✱					✱✱	✱✱			
<u>Kohlrabi</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱						🌱	🌱			6 weeks
	Direct seed		✱✱	✱✱						✱✱	✱✱			
<u>Leeks</u>	Transplant								🌱	🌱				8 weeks
<u>Lettuce</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱					🌱	🌱			4 weeks
	Direct seed			✱✱	✱✱					✱✱	✱✱			
<u>Luffa</u>	Transplant					🌱	🌱							3 weeks
	Direct seed					✱✱	✱✱							
<u>Melons</u>	Transplant					🌱	🌱							4 weeks
	Direct seed					✱✱	✱✱							
<u>Mustard greens</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱					🌱	🌱			4 weeks
	Direct seed		✱✱	✱✱	✱✱					✱✱	✱✱			
<u>Okra</u>	Transplant						🌱	🌱						4 weeks
	Direct seed						✱✱							
<u>Onions</u>	Transplant											🌱	🌱	8 weeks
<u>Parsley</u>	Transplant		🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱								9 weeks
<u>Parsnips</u>	Direct seed		✱✱	✱✱	✱✱					✱✱				

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<u>Peas</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Peppers</u>	Transplant													8 weeks
<u>Potatoes</u>	Plant pieces													
<u>Pumpkins</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Radishes</u>	Direct seed													
<u>Rutabagas</u>	Transplant													4-5 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Spinach</u>	Transplant													4 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Squash, summer</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Squash, winter</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Sweet potatoes</u>	Plant slips													
<u>Tomatoes</u>	Transplant													6 weeks
<u>Turnips</u>	Transplant													4 weeks
	Direct seed													
<u>Zucchini</u>	Transplant													3 weeks
	Direct seed				