



Healthy Garden Tips

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WARM SEASON GARDENS FOR NAPA COUNTY

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Plant in late spring or early summer for late summer harvest. Seed of suggested plants can be planted indoors about 6 weeks before you want to plant them outdoors. These plants are injured by cold temperatures, so plant out of doors after danger of frost is past. Early plantings in April require extra measures such as 'hot caps' to protect and warm them. Seeds require soil temperatures of 70° to 85° F for rapid germination. Seeds planted into cold soil germinate slowly and are prone to attack by water molds. To reduce water mold 'damping-off', water seeds at planting, then let the soil surface dry while seedlings emerge. Water again when seedlings have four leaves or reach 3 inches tall. The listed plants can be repeat seeded from April through July to assure continuing harvest. Remember to 'rotate' crops from year to year into different garden locations to prevent build-up of insect and disease problems in the soil.

Flowers

Ageratum	Bedding Begonias (plants)	Columbine
Cosmos	Daisies, Shasta	Four-O'clock
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)	Holly Hock	Impatiens (plants)
Mint	Lunaria (money plant)	Marigold
Nasturtium	Monarda	Morning Glories
Sunflower	Sage	Salvia (plants)
Zinnia	Sweet Alyssum	Verbena

Summer Planted Vegetables

For late Summer and Fall harvest

Name	Planting Dates
Basil **	April, May, June
Beans, Green, Snap or yard-long	May, June, July
Bean, Lima	May, June
Beets	March, April, May, June, July and August
Carrots	March, April, May and August
Chard	April, May

** = Transplants suggested for best results.

Summer Planted Vegetables

For late Summer and Fall harvest - *continued*

Chives	April
Corn, Sweet	May, June, July
Cucumbers	April, May, June
Eggplant**	May
Endive	April, May, June and July
Lettuce	April, May, June, July and August
Melons	May, June
Okra**	May, June
Parsley	April, May
Peppers**	May, June
Pumpkins	May, June
Radish	Plant any month of the year
Squash	April, May, June
Tomatoes**	May, June
Watermelons	May, June

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Additional Reading:

Home Vegetable Gardening, 1992, University of California Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Publication 21444.

Taylor's Guide to Heirloom Vegetables, 1996, by Benjamin Watson, Houghton Mifflin Co., New York.

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