



Vegetable Planting Chart

UCCE Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County

Recommended times to plant vegetables in Santa Clara County

See back side for additional information.



————— When to transplant When to direct seed ? Maybe (see notes)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	From seed to transplant
Artichoke	Transplant									—————				12 weeks
Arugula	Transplant		—————				?		?	—————		?		4 weeks
	Direct seed		?	.....			?		.....			?
Asparagus	Plant crowns	—————									—————		?	
Basil	Transplant				—————									6 weeks
Beans	Transplant				—————									3 weeks
	Direct seed					.....		?					
Beets	Transplant		—————				?			—————				6 weeks
	Direct seed		?	.....		?			.....		?	
Bok choy	Transplant		—————							—————				3 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						.....
Broccoli	Transplant		—————						—————		?			6 weeks
Brussels sprouts	Transplant							—————		?				6 weeks
Cabbage	Transplant		—————						—————		?			6 weeks
Cabbage, napa	Transplant		—————						—————					3 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						.....
Carrots	Direct seed		.....			?			.....			
Cauliflower	Transplant		—————						?	—————	?			6 weeks
Chard	Transplant		—————							—————				4 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						.....
Chayote	Plant fruit				?	—————					?			
Cilantro	Transplant		—————				?		?	—————		?		4 weeks
	Direct seed		?	.....		?			.....			?
Collards	Transplant		—————			?			?	—————				6 weeks
	Direct seed		.....			?			?	.....		
Corn	Direct seed				?	.....		?					
Cucumber	Transplant				?	—————								4 weeks
	Direct seed					.....							
Dill	Direct seed			.....		?			.....			
Eggplant	Transplant					—————								8 weeks
Fava beans	Direct seed		.....						.....		?
Fennel	Transplant		—————			?			?	—————				6 weeks
	Direct seed		.....			?			?	.....		
Garlic	Plant cloves									—————		?		
Kale	Transplant		—————			?			?	—————		?		4 weeks
	Direct seed		?	.....		?			?	.....		?
Kohlrabi	Transplant		—————						?	—————				6 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						?	.....		
Leeks	Transplant							—————						8 weeks
Lettuce	Transplant		—————			?			?	—————		?		4 weeks
	Direct seed		?	.....		?			?	.....		?

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	From seed to transplant
Melons	Transplant					_____								4 weeks
	Direct seed					.....							
Mustard greens	Transplant		_____						?	_____				4 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						?	.....		
Okra	Transplant					?	_____							4 weeks
	Direct seed					?	.....						
Onions	Transplant											_____		8 weeks
Parsley	Transplant		_____				?							9 weeks
Parsnips	Direct seed		.....			?				.....		
Peas	Transplant		_____							_____				3 weeks
	Direct seed		.....						.....		?
Peppers	Transplant				?	_____								8 weeks
Potatoes	Plant pieces		_____			?								
Radishes	Direct seed	?	.....			?			?	.....		?
Spinach	Transplant		_____							_____		?		4 weeks
	Direct seed	?	.....							.....		?
Squash, summer	Transplant				?	_____								3 weeks
	Direct seed					.....							
Squash, winter	Transplant					_____								3 weeks
	Direct seed					.....							
Sweet potatoes	Plant slips					_____								
Tomatoes	Transplant				?	_____								6 weeks
Turnips	Transplant		_____			?			?	_____				4 weeks
	Direct seed		.....			?			?	.....		

Based on UCCE Master Gardener research

'?' months

The dates shown on the chart are those we have found work best on average for central Santa Clara County, but they may vary depending on factors such as your location in the county and microclimate conditions. The '?' indicates borderline months that might work out if your local conditions and the weather are favorable.

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 so that the transplants will be ready. For example, to have broccoli seedlings ready to plant September 15, you should start seeds 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 a 'days to maturity' that you can use as a guideline. Note that crops mature more slowly in the cool fall/winter season than in the spring/summer.

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