

Willamette Valley Vegetable Garden Planting Dates

The following are recommended planting dates¹ for vegetables that grow well in Oregon. Dates are for planting from seed or bulb, unless noted that “starts” (your own or from the nursery) should be planted. Crops that are **bold** are easiest to grow if planted that month and should be planted by the first week of the month unless otherwise noted.

Difficulty code for crops; (1)=easy to grow (4)=most difficult to grow

When to plant	Vegetable
January	Garlic(1)
February	Garlic, Peas(2), Fava beans(2), Asparagus (crowns)(3), Rhubarb(crowns)(2), Shallots(bulbs)(1)
March	Beets(2), Carrots(2), Celery (starts)(4), Leeks(2), Onions (starts)(2), Parsley (starts)(1) Peas, Radishes(2), Potatoes(1), Lettuce(starts)(1), Shallots, Arugula(1), Mustard Greens(1)
April	Beets, Broccoli (starts)(3), Cabbage (starts)(2), Carrots, Cauliflower (starts)(3) Celery (starts), Kohlrabi(2), Spinach(1) Corn(3), Leeks, Lettuce (starts), Fennel(4), Mustard Greens(1) Kale(1) Arugula Onions (starts), Parsley (starts), Peas, Potatoes, Radishes
May	Beets, Broccoli (starts), Cabbage (starts), Melons (starts End of May)(4), Carrots, Cauliflower (starts), Celery (starts), Corn, Cucumbers (starts End of May)(3), Eggplant (starts End of May)(4) Kale(1), Leeks, Lettuce (starts), Onions (starts), Parsley (starts), Peas Peppers (starts) End of May(4), Potatoes, Pumpkins(2) Radishes, Snap beans Mid-May(2), Squash(2) Tomatoes (starts Mid-May)(2)
June	Beets, Broccoli (starts), Cabbage (starts), Carrots, Cauliflower (starts) Celery (starts), Corn, Cucumbers (starts), Kale, Lettuce (starts), Leeks, Parsley (starts), Peppers (starts), Potatoes End of June, Radishes, Snap beans, Squash, Tomatoes (starts)
July / Bold crops for this month are planted for Fall and Winter harvest. Will mature from Sept. through April of the following year.	Snap beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts4, Beets, Carrots, Chicory/Radicchio(2), Overwintering cauliflower/Broccoli(4), Cauliflower, Celery (starts) Kale, Lettuce (starts), Radishes, Fennel
August / Bold crops for this month are planted for Fall and Winter harvest. Will mature from Oct. through April of the following year.	Broccoli (starts), Lettuce, Kale, Beets, Fennel, Collards Chicory/Radicchio, Mustard Greens, Swiss Chard, Kohlrabi Chinese Cabbage (starts)(2), Radishes
September / Bold crops for this month and next month are planted for Fall and Winter harvest. Will mature from Oct. through June of the following year.	Garlic, Radishes, Spinach, Lettuce, Fava Beans, Mustard Greens
October	Garlic, Fava Beans, Overwintering Onions (starts)4
November / December	Garlic

¹ Information from Oregon State University Extension Service

Recommended Reading

Vegetable Gardening in Oregon – OSU Extension – on line
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec871.pdf>

Vegetable Gardener's Bible – Edward Smith – Storey Books
 Excellent basic resource for someone just starting out or with a few years gardening experience.

Burpee – *The Complete Vegetable & Herb Gardener* – Karan Cutler – Wiley Pub.
 Over 400 pages of in depth information on every gardening subject. Very thorough.

The Year-round Vegetable Gardener- Niki Jabbour – Storey Books
 The very best book on a year around harvest. Lots of great photos and ideas.

Backyard Bounty - Linda Gilkeson – New Society Publishers
 The complete guide to year-round organic gardening in the Pacific NW.

The Truth About Organic Gardening – Jeff Gillman – Timber Press
 Compares and contrasts conventional and organic garden practices

Sources for seeds and products

Johnny's Selected Seeds - www.johnnyseeds.com/home.aspx?ct=HG
 Territorial Seed Co. - www.territorialseed.com/ Or. seed company
 Seeds from Italy – www.growitalian.com European seeds. Great values.

Examples of year-around succession planting

Std. Bed	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
STD 1 YEAR	FALLOW	FALLOW	FALLOW	FALLOW PLANT	PLANT	GROW	GROW HARVEST	GROW HARVEST	HARVEST	HARVEST	FALLOW	FALLOW

Year around	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
YEAR 1	FALLOW	PLANT PEAS	PEAS	PEAS	HARVEST PEAS	HARVEST PEAS	PLANT BROCCOLI	BROCCOLI	HARVEST BROCCOLI	HARVEST BROCCOLI	HARVEST BROCCOLI	FALLOW

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YEAR 1	FALLOW	PLANT PEAS	PEAS	PEAS	HARVEST PEAS	HARVEST PEAS	PLANT CABBAGE	CABBAGE	CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE
YEAR 2	HARVEST CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE	HARVEST CABBAGE	PLANT TOMATOS	TOMATOS	TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS PLANT GARLIC	GARLIC	GARLIC
YEAR 3	GARLIC	GARLIC	GARLIC	GARLIC	GARLIC	GARLIC	HARVEST GARLIC PLANT BEETS	BEETS	HARVEST BEETS	HARVEST BEETS	HARVEST BEETS	HARVEST BEETS
YEAR 4	HARVEST BEETS	HARVEST BEETS	HARVEST BEETS	PLANT LETTUCE	LETTUCE	HARVEST LETTUCE	HARVEST LETTUCE	PLANT KALE	KALE	HARVEST KALE	HARVEST KALE	HARVEST KALE
YEAR 5	HARVEST KALE	HARVEST KALE	HARVEST KALE	HARVEST KALE	PLANT TOMATOS	TOMATOS	TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS	HARVEST TOMATOS	FALLOW	FALLOW