Zones 3-4 Planting Schedule

WHEN TO PLANT VEGETABLES FOR ZONES 3-4

Each USDA planting zone has its own schedule for sowing seeds. If you're new to vegetable gardening, you'll want to know that there is a right time to sow each variety of vegetable seed. By following our zone chart for both cool and warm season vegetables, you'll be sure to sow your seeds in the correct window of time, enabling optimum sprouting and yield. And don't forget, the seeds you pick are also of the greatest importance. Even if you are an old hand in the vegetable garden, we hope that our USDA zone planting chart will be a useful tool for organizing your spring and summer vegetable planting.

Not sure what your USDA Zone is? Use our USDA hardiness zone finder.

A Garden Planting Chart						
	Planting dates		Planting distances (in inches)			
Vegetable	Start seed indoors	Plant seed or plant outdoors	Between rows, hand cultivated	Between plants	Depth of seeding (inches)	Amount to order per 20 feet of row "Packet" refers to average commercially-packaged seed packet.
Asparagus		April 15 - May 1 (crowns)	36	12 - 18	6 - 8 (crowns)	15 crowns
Beans, snap (bush)		May 15 - July 1	18 - 24	3 - 4	1½ - 2	3 - 4 oz
Beans, snap(pole)		May 15 - July 1	36	4 - 6	1½ - 2	2 - 3 oz
Beans, dry shell		May 15	18 - 24	3 - 4	1½	3 - 4 oz
Beans, lima		May 15 - June 10	18 - 24	4 - 6	1½	3 - 4 oz
Beets		April 15 - July 1	12 - 18	2 - 4	½ - 1	1 packet
Broccoli	March 1 - 15	April 15 or June 1	24 - 30	24	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 9 plants
Brussels sprouts	March 1 - 15	April 15 or June 1	24 - 30	24	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 9 plants
Cabbage, early	March 1 - 15	April 1 - May 1	24 - 30	18	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 12 plants
Cabbage, late	April 15 - May 1	June 1	24 - 30	24	¼ (seedbed)	1 packet or 9 plants
Cabbage, Chinese		July 1	24 - 30	18	½	1 packet
Carrots		April 15 - June 15	18 - 24	2 - 3	¼	1 packet
Cauliflower	March 1 - 15	April 15 or June 1	24 - 30	18 - 24	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 12 plants
Celery	Feb. 15	May 15	18 - 24	8	1/8	1 packet or

					(indoors)	24 plants
	- March 1					
Chard, Swiss		May 1	18 - 24	6 - 8	1	1 packet
Collards		April 15	24 - 36	6	¼	1 packet
Cucumbers		May 1 - June 15	48 - 60	12 between single plants; 36 between hills of three	1	1 packet
Eggplant	March 15 - April 1	June 1	24 - 30	24	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 9 plants
Endive		April 15	18 - 24	8 - 12	½	1 packet
Garlic		Oct. 1 - Nov. 1	18 - 24	4 - 6	3 - 4	1 lb of cloves
Horseradish		April 15 - May 1	24 - 30	12 - 18	6 (roots)	18 roots
Kale		April 15 - July 15	18 - 24	12 - 18	½	1 packet
Kohlrabi		April 15 - June 1 or Aug. 1 - 15	18 - 24	6	½	1 packet
Lettuce, leaf		April 15 - June 1 or Aug. 1 - 15	12 - 18	4 - 6	¼	1 packet
Lettuce, head	March 1 - 15	April 15 - May 1	18 - 24	12	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 18 plants
Muskmelon		May 15 - June 1	60 - 72	18	1	1 packet
Okra	March 15 - April 1	June 1	24 - 36	12 - 15	½ (indoors)	1 packet
Onion seeds		April 15	12 - 24	2	½	1 packet
Onion, transplants	Feb. 1 - 15	April 15	12 - 24	2 - 3	½ (indoors)	1 packet
Onion, sets		April 15	12 - 24	2 - 3	1 - 2	½ lb
Parsley		April 15 - May 1	12 - 24	4 - 6	¼	1 packet
Parsnips		May 1 - 15	18 - 24	3 - 4	½	1 packet
Peas		April 10 - May 15	18 - 24	2	1½	1 packet
Pepper	March 15 - April 1	June 1	24 - 36	18 - 24	½ (indoors)	1 packet or 12 plants
Potatoes,		April 15 -	24 - 30	12 - 18	4 (each	3 lb seed

					(piece)	potatoes
Irish		June 1				
Potatoes, sweet	April 15 (roots)	June 1	36 - 48	18 - 24		9 - 12 plants
Pumpkin		May 10 - June 1	72 - 96	24 - 36 between single plants; 60 - 72 between hills of three	1 - 2	1 packet
Radish		April 10 - June 1 or Aug. 1 - 15	6 - 12	1 - 2	½	1 packet
Rhubarb		April 15 - May 1	36 - 48	36 - 48		5 or 6 plants
Rutabaga		May 15 - June 15	18 - 24	8 - 12	½	1 packet
Spinach		April 15 or Aug. 1 - 15	12 - 18	3 - 4	½	1 packet
Squash, summer		May 10 - June 1	24 - 36	24 - 36	1	1 packet
Squash, winter		May 10 - June 1	72 - 96	24 - 36 between single plants; 60 - 72 between hills of three	1	1 packet
Sweet corn		May 10 - July 1	30	12	1 - 2	1 packet
Tomato	April 1 - 15	May 15 - June 1	24 - 36	36 - 48	¼ (indoors)	1 packet or 6 - 8 plants
Turnip		April 15 or Aug. 1	15 - 18	3 - 4	½	1 packet
Watermelon		May 15 - June 1	60 - 72	24 - 36 between single plants; 60 - 72 between hills of three	½	1 packet

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