



### **Garden Tips: Seed Starting Schedule**

Last week we focused on seed starting tips: why and how to get a few seedlings going for your own garden and to share.

This week, we planned to put together a seed starting schedule for you. We start seeds for our seedling sales and for our Grow Pittsburgh Edible Schoolyards, production sites, and the community gardens we support. It seems like it would make sense to simply pass that information along.

However, each of our programs requires a different seeding schedule! Edible schoolyard sites plan for early and late crops, to make the most of the parts of the growing season that children are in school. Our production sites' seeding schedules are different than a home gardener's, since we seed for hoophouse and greenhouse plantings as well as crops that will go directly outside. And new community gardens start up at various times of the spring, so seedling plantings need to be staggered.

Add to all of this the fact that we start the majority of our seedlings in a heated greenhouse space. Over the years, we've determined seeding schedules that work for us, but they probably won't replicate well on a home scale.

So, instead of making you a seeding chart, we're sending you to this [handy tool](#). It allows you to enter the expected last frost date in your area. From there, it suggests dates for seeding your seedlings, and a date for planting outside as well! So you can come up with a custom-made seeding schedule in a matter of minutes.

Happy seeding, and let us know if you need help with any veggies or herbs not listed!