



Garden Tips & Techniques: Planting and Harvesting Chart

With our [seedling sale](#) open at the Frick Art & Historical Center, and the annual May Market at Phipps Conservatory coming up this weekend, we've got garden planting in mind! We've shared links to the Planting and Harvesting Chart before but have never dedicated a post to it; so, we thought now's the time.

When it comes to planting, vegetables and herbs can be confusing. We know that almost all of them need at least 6 hours of sun each day, and great soil benefits any kind of plant. But beyond those similarities, garden plants have very different needs. In general, plants that grow best in cooler weather (cool season crops) can be seeded directly into the garden, while warm season crops will produce much more if they are transplanted. However, there are exceptions!



These broccoli plants love cool weather and should be planted in the spring.

Hopefully this chart will help you make sense of the ins & outs of garden planting. Also take note that the chart indicates whether a crop is perennial, meaning that it will come back every year. Grouping perennial plants in the garden can help make both annual and perennial plant maintenance easier.

| Crop | Best planted in this season: | Usually harvested in: | Transplant/seed? | Perennial? |
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| arugula | spring & late summer | spring, fall | S | |
| basil | summer | summer | T,S | |
| beans | summer | summer | S | |
| beets | spring -early fall | summer-fall | S | |
| broccoli | early spring, summer | early summer, fall | T | |
| brussels sprouts | early summer | fall | T | |
| cabbage | early spring, summer | early summer, fall | T | |
| carrots | spring-early fall | summer-fall | S | |
| chard | spring | spring-fall | T,S | |
| chives | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| collards | early spring, late summer | spring, fall | T | |
| cucumbers | summer | summer | T,S | |
| dill | summer | summer | T,S | re-seeds |
| edible flowers | varies | varies | T,S | |
| eggplant | summer | summer-early fall | T | |
| garlic | late fall | summer | Bulb-S | |
| kale | early spring, late summer | spring, fall | T,S | |
| lavender | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| leek | spring | summer-fall | T | |
| lemon balm | spring | summer-fall | T,S | x |
| lettuce | spring, fall | spring, fall | T,S | |
| melons | summer | summer, early fall | T,S | |
| mint | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| mustard greens | spring, fall | spring, fall | T,S | |

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| okra | summer | summer | S | |
| onions | spring | summer | T | |
| oregano | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| parsley | spring | spring-fall | T | biennial |
| peas | spring | spring-early summer | S | |
| peppers | summer | summer-early fall | T | |
| radishes | spring, fall | spring, fall | S | |
| rosemary | spring | spring-fall | T | |
| sage | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| scallions | spring | spring-summer | S | |
| spinach | spring, fall | spring, fall | S | |
| strawberries | spring | early summer | T | x |
| summer squash | summer | summer, early fall | T,S | |
| thyme | spring | spring-fall | T | x |
| tomatoes | summer | summer, early fall | T | |
| turnips | spring, fall | spring, fall | S | |
| winter squash | summer | late summer, early fall | T,S | |
| zucchini | summer | summer, early fall | T,S | |