

Ohio Gardening Calendar

- ◇ Planting dates are based on Zone 6a. Spring planting dates should be adjusted 1 week earlier for Zone 6b and 1 week later for Zone 5b.
- ◇ Soil temperature is more important than air temperature when planting seeds. Cool season vegetables require soil temperatures above 55°. Warm season vegetables require soil temperatures above 75°. Warmer soils speed germination.
- ◇ Most vegetables can be planted starting July—September for a fall garden. Check varieties for the number of growing days needed for a crop and compare with first frost date in order to make sure that there are enough growing days remaining.
- ◇ Cool season vegetables can stand light frost and may continue growing until a hard freeze.
- ◇ Vegetables to be transplanted in the spring should be started indoors approximately 4 weeks prior to planting date on calendar.
- ◇ Cool Season vegetables are generally those in which the plant is eaten (i.e. leaves, stems and roots). Sweet peas are also included.
- ◇ Warm Season vegetables are generally those in which the fruit of the plant is eaten (i.e. tomatoes, peppers, corn, etc.)
- ◇ Cover crops can be planted as soon as the garden is finished in September or October

March

Garden Planting

After March 15

- Asparagus
- Collards
- Onion (sets)
- Peas
- Radish
- Spinach
- Turnips

After March 25

- Leeks
- Mustard
- Potatoes

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April

Garden Planting

- Asparagus
- Beets
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Swiss chard
- Collards
- Leeks
- Lettuce

After April 15

- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cauliflower

- Mustard
- Onion (sets)
- Peas
- Potato
- Radish
- Spinach
- Turnips

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May

Garden Planting

- Beans (pole, bush, wax)
- Beets
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Swiss chard

After May 15

- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Muskmelons
- Peppers
- Pumpkins

- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Onion (sets)
- Radish
- Sweet Corn
- Turnips

- Squash (summer, winter)
- Sweet potato
- Tomatoes
- Watermelon

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June

Garden Planting

- Beans (pole, bush, wax)
- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Muskmelons
- Okra
- Peppers
- Pumpkins

Before June 10

- Onion (sets)

- Southern Pea
- Squash (summer, winter)
- Sweet Corn
- Sweet potato
- Tomatoes
- Watermelon

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July

Garden Planting

- Beans (pole, bush, lima, wax)
- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Okra
- Peppers

Before July 15

- Muskmelons
- Pumpkins
- Sweet Potato

- Southern Pea
- Squash (summer, winter)
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatoes

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August

Garden Planting

All Month

- Cucumbers
- Southern Pea
- Squash (summer)

Before August 10

- Beans (pole)
- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Chinese Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Collards
- Lettuce
- Mustard
- Rutabaga
- Turnips

Before August 20

- Beans (bush, wax)
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatoes

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September

Garden Planting

Before September 10

- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Chinese Cabbage
- Leaf Lettuce
- Bib Lettuce

Before September 20

- Cauliflower
- Collards
- Mustard
- Rutabaga
- Turnips

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October

Garden Planting

Plant

- Garlic* (Hardneck varieties recommended)

Cover Crops

- Cereal Rye
- Wheat
- Triticale

Chores

- Compost leaves
- Compost dead plants
- Dispose of diseased plants
- Open new garden beds for next year
- Plant cover crops
- Take soil samples

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November

Gardening

Chores

- Compost leaves
- Compost dead plants
- Dispose of diseased plants
- Open new garden beds for next year
- Take soil samples
- Apply lime or sulfur

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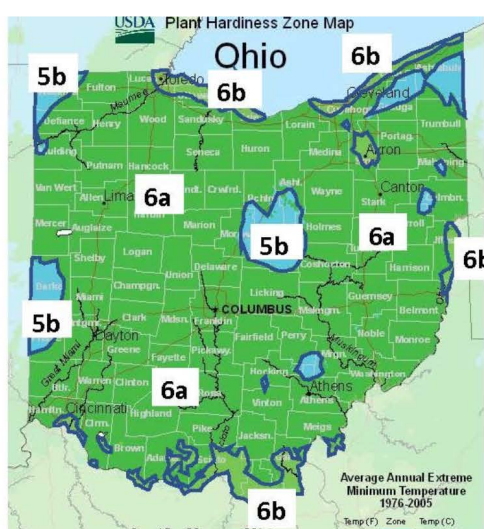
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Average Last Spring Frost

Zone 5b: May 15—May 30

Zone 6a: May 1—May 15

Zone 6b: April 16—April 30

Average First Fall Frost

Zone 5b: Sept. 21—Oct. 5

Zone 6a: Oct. 6—Oct. 21

