

VEGETABLE PLANTING TIMES/SEASONS

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PLANTING TIMES:

SEEDS

TRANSPLANTS

VERY HARDY

(plant 4-6 weeks before ffd*)

lettuce
onion
peas
spinach
turnip

broccoli
cabbage
rhubarb

HARDY

(plant 2-4 weeks before ffd*)

beet
cauliflower
carrots
onion sets
chard
parsley
parsnip
mustard
radish
potato, early

Brussels sprouts
collards
horseradish

NOT COLD HARDY

(plant on ffd*)

beans, snap
N. Zealand spinach
soybeans
squash
sweet corn

tomato (may be risky)

REQUIRE HOT WEATHER

(plant one week+ after ffd*)

cucumber
melons
okra
potatoes, fall
pumpkin
squash
sweet potato
beans, lima (June 1 best)

pepper
eggplant
tomato (better)

LATE JUNE/EARLY JULY

beet
broccoli
Chinese cabbage
cabbage
carrot
cauliflower
parsnip

SUMMER PLANTING

(mod. heat tolerant)

beans, all
cabbage (early Aug)
N. Zealand spinach
soybean
squash
sweet corn

broccoli (early Aug)
chard
cauliflower (early Aug)
collards (early Aug.)

HARDY

(plant 6-8 weeks before fff**)

beets
collards, turnip
lettuce
mustard, kale
peas
spinach

*ffd - frost free date about May 8

**fff - first fall freeze about Oct 20

* **Dates approximate for central New Jersey and will vary for other locales.