

MASTER GARDENERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

VEGETABLE GARDENING CALENDAR



MASTER GARDENER HOTLINE

(216) 429-8200, PRESS 1

April through October

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Ask A Master Gardener online:

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH & APRIL	MAY
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REVIEW last year's garden map and notes
PLAN new garden
CHECK saved seed

PLANT SEEDS under lights during 4th week:
 Alliums: Onions, Garlic, Leeks, Shallots

START SEEDS of cold weather vegetables under lights:
 Broccoli
 Cauliflower
 Brussels Sprouts
 Cabbage

SOIL: test and prepare if workable
 Prune and spray fruit trees
 Tidy up + fertilize Asparagus & Rhubarb

PLANT STARTS of cold weather vegetables: Broccoli, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage

DIRECT SEED: Peas, Carrots, Chard, Parsnips, Lettuce, Beets, Celery, Early Potatoes, Spinach, Kale, Radishes

DIRECT SEED: (Before May 20th) Corn

AFTER FROST DATE (May 20th)

PLANT STARTS: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants

DIRECT SEED: Beans, Squash, Melons, Potatoes, Cucumber

HARVEST: Rhubarb, Lettuce, Spinach, Scallions, Radishes, Asparagus

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
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Continue seeding Corn every few weeks

REPLACE seeded cold weather crops that are bolting

MULCH (mid-month)

PICK: Asparagus, Lettuce, Spinach, Onions, Beets, Carrots

FERTILIZE: All vegetables (Mid month)
 Corn (2x this month)

Fertilize corn (2x)

2ND WEEK – SEED COLD WEATHER FALL CROPS: Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbage, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower

HARVEST: Corn, Beans, Cucumber, Summer Squash, Potatoes

SEED: (Mid-Month) Lettuce, Spinach, Radishes, Turnips, Kale (for Fall)

HARVEST: Regularly

PRESERVE: Vegetables for winter
 Can, freeze and dry

COLLECT, dry and store heirloom seeds for next year

HARVEST and cure winter squash and gourds

CLEAN UP garden and tools

SET UP garden season extension material

Watch for frost warning (average date: Oct. 15th)

HARVEST: Pumpkins (after 1st frost) Parsnips, Brussels Sprouts

FINAL CLEAN UP

PLANT a cover crop

TIPS

For Planting Your Vegetable Garden



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Plan Your Garden on Paper

A 10' X 10' is recommended for beginners.

Consider space needed between plants and between rows of plants (spacing will be indicated on seed package).

Crop rotation: group plants by families and change their location every year.

Crop Rotation

Grow crops of a specific family in different areas of the garden to avoid diseases and nutrient depletion.

See <http://ohioline.osu.edu> for more information.

Families of Vegetables

BRASSICAS or CRUCIFERS*

Cabbage Cauliflower
Broccoli Kale Kohlrabi
Brussels Sprouts

NIGHTSHADE FAMILY*

(Solanaceous)
Tomato Pepper
Potato Eggplant

PEA FAMILY (Legumes)

All Beans and Peas

GOURD FAMILY (Cucurbit)

Cucumber Squash
Pumpkin Melons

PARSLEY FAMILY

Carrot Fennel Parsley
Celery Parsnip Celeriac

MUSTARD FAMILY

Rutabaga Turnips
Horseradish Radish
Chinese Cabbage
Mustard Greens

AMARYLLIS FAMILY

Onion Shallot
Leek Garlic

GRASS FAMILY

Sweet Corn Popcorn

GOOSEFOOT FAMILY

Beet Spinach
Swiss Chard

COMPOSITE FAMILY

Lettuce Endive Salsify
Jerusalem Artichoke

* Most sensitive to disease