

Planting Calendar for Southborough, MA

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The planting calendar below tells you when to plant in the SPRING and also plant in the FALL, based on your zip code or postal code.

Fall Planting Calendar

When we say "fall," we really mean planting in summer in time for a fall harvest. Think of this as a second summer! It's easy to keep the crops going if you're already prepared the soil!

Many crops that would be started indoors for a spring crop can just be plunked into the soil directly for a fall crop. Not only is the soil already warm but also there are less pests and it tends to be rainier so you don't need to water as often. Some fall vegetables need to be harvested by the first frost but also many are frost-tolerant—and even taste better after a kiss of fall frost!

See each plant's individual [Growing Guide](#) for more specific planting, plant care, and harvesting information.

Spring Planting Calendar

Our spring planting calendar starts with the very **first** dates that you can plant (based on the last spring frost). But if you've missed these dates, no worries! This is why we've added "last planting dates" to our spring calendar; this is meant to help new gardeners understand that if they missed the first spring planting window, they can still get crops in the ground.

In fact, many crops with short maturity times (such as radishes) can be succession planted all the way through the summer in northern areas. However, note that some cool-seasons crops such as kale and lettuce do not grow well in hot temperatures, which can cause bolting issues. For some gardeners, especially in the South, a break to avoid summer heat is needed, but they can start once the heat has passed.

The dates provided are based on the number of weeks before or after frost, so we can provide a unique calendar to every user in the country. Thus several crops (especially similar crops) may appear to have the same date. Kale and lettuce, for example, or dates for starting seeds, like broccoli and cabbage.

Specifically, on the charts, there are different columns labeled as follows:

1. **Start Seeds Indoors:** When to sow seeds indoors to get an early start on the season.
2. **Plant Seedlings Outdoors:** When to put small seedlings that you grew indoors (OR starter plants that you bought at a garden nursery) in the outdoor soil.
3. **Start Seeds Outdoors:** When to plant seeds directly into the outdoor soil.
4. **Last Date to Plant:** You may plant any time from the "start seeds" dates until this "last date." Don't wait any longer, or the crop won't have time to get to harvest before fall/winter frosts.

The "**Moon Dates**" indicate the best planting dates based on Moon phases. You can learn more about this age-old technique below.

When **N/A** appears in the chart, that starting method is typically not recommended, although it is likely still possible.

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Planting Dates for Spring



Based on Frost Dates



Based on Moon Dates

Crop	Start Seeds Indoors	Plant Seedlings or Transplants	Start Seeds Outdoors	Last Date to Plant
<u>Arugula</u>	Mar 13-27	Apr 17-May 1	Apr 10-17	Sep 3
	Mar 13-25	Apr 17-23	Apr 10-17	
<u>Asparagus</u>	N/A	N/A	Apr 24-May 8	May 8
			Apr 24-May 6	
<u>Basil</u>	Mar 27-Apr 10	May 22-Jun 5	May 22-Jun 5	Aug 20
	Apr 8-10	May 22-23	May 22-23	



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Beets	N/A	Apr 24-May 8 Apr 24-May 6	Apr 10-17	May 22
Bell Peppers	Feb 27-Mar 13	May 22-29 May 22-23	N/A	Jul 9
Bok Choy	Mar 27-Apr 10 Apr 8-10	May 22-29 May 22-23	May 22-29 May 22-23	Jun 19
Broccoli	Mar 13-27 Mar 13-25	Apr 24-May 8 May 7-8	Apr 10-17 Apr 10-17	Jul 30
Brussels Sprouts	Mar 27-Apr 10 Apr 8-10	Apr 24-May 8 May 7-8	Apr 10-17 Apr 10-17	Jun 25
Cabbage	Mar 13-27 Mar 13-25	Apr 24-May 8 May 7-8	Apr 10-17 Apr 10-17	Jun 18

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<u>Cantaloupes</u>	 Apr 17- May 1  Apr 17- 23	 May 8- 22  May 8- 22	 May 15-22  May 15-22	Jun 25
<u>Carrots</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-24  Apr 24	Jul 23
<u>Cauliflower</u>	 Mar 27- Apr 10  Apr 8- 10	 May 1- 15  May 7- 15	N/A	Jul 23
<u>Celery</u>	 Feb 13- 27  Feb 13- 24	 May 15-29  May 15-23	 May 8  May 8	Jul 23
<u>Chives</u>	 Mar 13- 27  Mar 13- 25	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	Aug 6
<u>Cilantro (Coriander)</u>	N/A	N/A	 May 8-22  May 8-22	May 29
<u>Collards</u>	 Mar 27- Apr 10  Apr 8- 10	 Apr 24-May 8  May 7- 8	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	Jul 23



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Corn	N/A	N/A	May 22-Jun 5 May 22-23	Jul 16
Cucumbers	Apr 17- 24 Apr 17- 23	May 15-29 May 15-23	May 22-29 May 22-23	Jul 23
Dill	N/A	N/A	May 1-22 May 7-22	Aug 6
Dry Beans	N/A	N/A	May 22-29 May 22-23	Jun 25
Eggplants	Mar 13- 27 Mar 13- 25	May 22-29 May 22-23	N/A	Jul 23
Fava Beans (Broad Beans)	N/A	N/A	Apr 10-17 Apr 10-17	May 22
Green Beans	N/A	N/A	May 15-Jun 5 May 15-23	Jul 23


























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<u>Jalapeño Peppers</u>	 Feb 27- Mar 13	 May 22-29  May 22-23	N/A	
<u>Kale</u>	 Mar 13- 27  Mar 13- 25	 Apr 24-May 8  May 7- 8	 Apr 10-17  Apr 10-17	May 22
<u>Kohlrabi</u>	 Mar 27- Apr 10  Apr 8- 10	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	 Apr 10-17  Apr 10-17	May 22
<u>Lettuce</u>	 Mar 27- Apr 10  Apr 8- 10	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	 Apr 10-17  Apr 10-17	May 22
<u>Okra</u>	 Apr 10- 24  Apr 10- 23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	 May 22-Jun 5  May 22-23	Jul 23
<u>Onion Sets</u>	N/A	 Apr 10-24  Apr 24	N/A	Jun 25
























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<u>Oregano</u>	 Feb 27- Mar 27  Mar 14- 25	 May 15-29  May 15-23	N/A	Jul 23
<u>Parsley</u>	 Feb 27- Mar 13	 May 15-29  May 15-23	 Apr 10-May 15  Apr 10-23, May 7-15	Jul 16
<u>Parsnips</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-17	Jun 25
<u>Peas</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-17  Apr 10-17	May 22
<u>Potatoes</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-24  Apr 24	Jul 23
<u>Pumpkins</u>	 Apr 17- May 1  Apr 17- 23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	Jun 18
<u>Radishes</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-17	Aug 6
<u>Rosemary</u>	 Feb 13- 27  Feb 13- 24	 May 22-29  May 22-23	N/A	Aug 6




























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Sage	 Mar 13-27  Mar 13-25	 May 15-29  May 15-23	N/A	Jul 16
Salsify	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-24  Apr 24	Jun 25
Spinach	 Mar 27-Apr 10  Apr 8-10	 Apr 17-24  Apr 17-23	 Apr 10-17  Apr 10-17	May 22
Sweet Potatoes	N/A	N/A	 May 22-Jun 5  May 24-Jun 5	Jun 18
Swiss Chard	 Mar 27-Apr 10  Apr 8-10	 Apr 24-May 8  May 7-8	 Apr 17-May 8  Apr 17-23, May 7- 8	May 22
Thyme	 Feb 27-Mar 13	 May 15-22  May 15-22	N/A	Jul 9

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










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<u>Tomatillos</u>	 Mar 27- Apr 10  Apr 8- 10	 May 22-Jun 5  May 22-23	N/A	Jul 16
<u>Tomatoes</u>	 Mar 13- 27  Mar 13- 25	 May 22-29  May 22-23	N/A	Jul 2
<u>Turnips</u>	N/A	N/A	 Apr 10-17	Sep 3
<u>Watermelons</u>	 Apr 17- May 1  Apr 17- 23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	 May 15-22  May 15-22	Jul 2
<u>Winter Squash</u>	 Apr 17- 24  Apr 17- 23	 May 15-29  May 15-23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	Jun 11
<u>Zucchini and Summer Squash</u>	 Apr 17- 24  Apr 17- 23	 May 15-29  May 15-23	 May 22-29  May 22-23	Jul 30

On average, your last spring frost occurs on May 8 (at MAYNARD 2, MA climate station, elevation 206 feet).

Planting Dates for Fall



















 **Based on Frost Dates**

 **Based on Moon Dates**

Crop	Start Seeds Outdoors	Transplant	Average Days to Maturity	Frost Tolerance
<u>Arugula</u>	 Aug 13-Sep 17  Aug 13-19, Sep 2-17	N/A	40	Frost-hardy
<u>Beets</u>	 Jul 9-Aug 6  Jul 22-Aug 3	N/A	50	Frost-tolerant
<u>Bok Choy</u>	 Jul 23-Aug 13  Aug 4-13	N/A	50	Frost-tolerant
<u>Broccoli</u>	 Jul 2- 9  Jul 5- 9	 Jul 23- Aug 6  Aug 4- 6	60	Frost-tolerant
<u>Brussels Sprouts</u>	 Jun 11-25  Jun 11-21	N/A	100	Frost-hardy
<u>Cabbage</u>	 Jul 2- 9  Jul 5- 9	 Jul 23- 30	90	Frost-tolerant
<u>Carrots</u>	 Jul 16-23  Jul 22-23	N/A	70	Frost-tolerant
<u>Cauliflower</u>	 Jun 25-Jul 2	 Jul 9- 16  Jul 9- 16	75	Frost-tolerant





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<u>Chives</u>	 Jul 9-Aug 6	N/A	70	Frost-tolerant
	 Jul 9-21, Aug 4- 6			
<u>Garlic</u>	 Oct 15-29	N/A	120	Frost-hardy
	 Oct 18-29			
<u>Green Beans</u>	 Jul 16-30	N/A	55	Tender
	 Jul 16-21			
<u>Kale</u>	 Jul 23-Aug 6	N/A	60	Frost-hardy
	 Aug 4- 6			
<u>Kohlrabi</u>	 Jul 30-Aug 20	N/A	45	Frost-tolerant
	 Aug 4-19			
<u>Lettuce</u>	 Jul 23-Aug 6	N/A	60	Frost-tolerant
	 Aug 4- 6			
<u>Peas</u>	 Jul 23-Aug 6	N/A	55	Tender
	 Aug 4- 6			
<u>Radishes</u>	 Aug 20-Sep 3	N/A	25	Frost-tolerant
	 Aug 20-Sep 1			
<u>Spinach</u>	 Aug 13-Sep 3	N/A	30	Frost-hardy
	 Aug 13-19, Sep 2- 3			

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<u>Swiss Chard</u>	 Jul 23-Aug 6	N/A	60	Frost- tolerant
	 Aug 4- 6			
<u>Turnips</u>	 Jul 30-Aug 13	N/A	50	Frost- tolerant
	 Jul 30-Aug 3			

On average, your first fall frost occurs on October 1 (at MAYNARD 2, MA climate station).