

Enter spring frost-free date (include year): 2012				05/15/2012			
Crop	Number of weeks to start seeds before setting-out date	When To start inside		Safe time to set out plants (relative to frost-free date)	Setting-out date		
		From	To		From	To	
Artichoke	8	20-Mar		on frost-free date	15-May		
Basil	6	10-Apr		1 week after	22-May		
Beets*	4 to 6	20-Mar	3-Apr	2 weeks before	1-May		
Broccoli	4 to 6	20-Mar	3-Apr	2 weeks before	1-May		
Cabbage	4 to 6	6-Mar	17-Apr	4 weeks before	17-Apr	15-May	
Cauliflower	4 to 6	20-Mar	17-Apr	2 weeks before	1-May	15-May	
Celery & celeriac	10 to 12	28-Feb	13-Mar	1 week after	22-May		
Collards	4 to 6	6-Mar	20-Mar	4 weeks before	17-Apr		
Corn salad/mache	4 to 6	21-Feb	27-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	3-Apr	24-Apr	
Corn*	2 to 4	17-Apr	15-May	0 to 2 weeks after	15-May	29-May	
Cucumber	3 to 4	24-Apr	8-May	1 to 2 weeks after	22-May	29-May	
Eggplant	8 to 10	20-Mar	10-Apr	2 to 3 weeks after	29-May	5-Jun	
Kale	4 to 6	6-Mar	20-Mar	4 weeks before	17-Apr		
Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	6-Mar	20-Mar	4 weeks before	17-Apr		
Leeks	8 to 10	21-Feb	6-Mar	2 weeks before	1-May		
Lettuce	4 to 5	13-Mar	27-Mar	3 to 4 weeks before	17-Apr	24-Apr	
Melons	3 to 4	1-May	8-May	2 weeks after	29-May		
Mustard*	4 to 6	6-Mar	20-Mar	4 weeks before	17-Apr		
Okra*	4 to 6	17-Apr	15-May	2 to 4 weeks after	29-May	12-Jun	
Onions	8 to 10	7-Feb	21-Feb	4 weeks before	17-Apr		
Parsley	9 to 10	14-Feb	28-Feb	2 to 3 weeks before	24-Apr	1-May	
Peas*	3 to 4	21-Feb	13-Mar	6 to 8 weeks before	20-Mar	3-Apr	
Peppers	8	3-Apr		2 weeks after	29-May		
Pumpkins	3 to 4	1-May	8-May	2 weeks after	29-May		

Spinach	4 to 6	21-Feb	27-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	3-Apr	24-Apr
Squash	3 to 4	1-May	8-May	2 weeks after	29-May	
Swiss chard	4 to 6	20-Mar	3-Apr	2 weeks before	1-May	
Tomatoes	6 to 8	27-Mar	17-Apr	1 to 2 weeks after	22-May	29-May
Watermelon	3 to 4	1-May	8-May	2 weeks after	29-May	
Ageratum	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Agrostemma (Corn Cockle)*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Amaranthus	4 to 6	10-Apr	24-Apr	1 week after	22-May	
Ammi (False Queen Anne's Lace)*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Artemisia (Sweet Annie) ***	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)	10 to 12	21-Feb	6-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Aster, China	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Bells of Ireland**	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Calendula*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Cardoon	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Carthamus (Safflower)*	4 to 6	3-Apr	17-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Castor Bean	6 to 8	27-Mar	10-Apr	1 week after	22-May	
Celosia	6 to 8	27-Mar	10-Apr	1 week after	22-May	
Centaurea (Bachelor's Button)*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Chinese Lanterns	8 to 12	21-Feb	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Coleus	8	27-Mar		1 week after	22-May	
Cosmos*	5 to 7	27-Mar	10-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Craspedia (Drumstick Flower)	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Datura (Angel's Trumpet)	8 to 12	6-Mar	10-Apr	2 to 3 weeks after	29-May	5-Jun
Delphinium	10 to 16	24-Jan	6-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Dianthus (Sweet William)	10 to 12	7-Feb	28-Feb	1 to 2 weeks before	1-May	8-May
Digitalis (Foxglove)	10 to 12	21-Feb	6-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	

Eucalyptus	10 to 12	21-Feb	6-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Euphorbia (Snow-on-the-Mountain)*	4 to 6	3-Apr	17-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Flower Collections & Mixes*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Forget-Me-Not	8 to 9	13-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Helianthus maximilianii	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Hibiscus	8 to 10	13-Mar	27-Mar	1 week after	22-May	
Hollyhock	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Hyacinth Bean	4 to 6	10-Apr	24-Apr	1 week after	22-May	
Impatiens	8 to 10	13-Mar	27-Mar	1 week after	22-May	
Kale, Ornamental	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Larkspur*	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Lisianthus	12 to 13	14-Feb	21-Feb	on frost-free date	15-May	
Lupine	6 to 8	6-Mar	20-Mar	2 weeks before	1-May	
Marigold	6 to 8	27-Mar	10-Apr	1 week after	22-May	
Monarda (Bee Balm)	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Morning Glory	3 to 4	8-May	22-May	3 to 4 weeks after	5-Jun	12-Jun
Nigella*	4 to 6	3-Apr	17-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Phlox**	4	20-Mar		1 to 2 weeks before	1-May	8-May
Pepper, Ornamental	8	27-Mar		1 week after	22-May	
Petunia	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Polygonum (Prince's Feather)	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
California Poppy*	2 to 3	24-Apr	1-May	on frost-free date	15-May	
Corn Poppy*	2 to 3	24-Apr	1-May	on frost-free date	15-May	
Iceland Poppy	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Ptilotus	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	

Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Salpiglossis (Painted Tongue)	4 to 6	3-Apr	17-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Salvia	6 to 8	6-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Sanvitalia	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)	4 to 6	3-Apr	17-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Scarlet Runner Bean	2 to 3			soil 60 degrees		
Snapdragon	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Statice	8	20-Mar		on frost-free date	15-May	
Stock	8 to 10	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Sunflowers*	3-4	17-Apr	24-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Strawflower	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Sweet Pea*	4 to 6	20-Mar	10-Apr	1 to 2 weeks before	1-May	8-May
Thunbergia (Black Eyed Susan Vine)	6 to 8	20-Mar	3-Apr	on frost-free date	15-May	
Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)*	6	10-Apr		1 week after	22-May	
Verbena	8 to 12	21-Feb	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Viola (Pansy)	8 to 12	7-Feb	13-Mar	1 to 2 weeks before	1-May	8-May
Yarrow	8 to 12	6-Mar	20-Mar	on frost-free date	15-May	
Zinnia	4	24-Apr		1 week after	22-May	
* Usually direct-sown, but may be started indoors						
** Specifically recommended for direct seeding outdoors						
*** We have left current crop failures in the list because they may be available next year.						
Note: Dates are the same from year to year, but this table requires a year for computation simplicity						

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