

# Vegetable Garden Planting Schedule for Southeastern Wisconsin

The recommended planting dates below are only estimates. The "last frost date" is based on historical climate data. A late frost could occur mid-May or later if conditions are right. Delay planting by days or weeks if it is cold or we have a late spring. In addition, air temperatures are different than soil temperatures. Some vegetables need warm soil temperatures to thrive. Watch the weather and plan accordingly.

## SPRING PLANTING - With an average last frost date of May 7<sup>th</sup>

**In late March or early April, sow seeds indoors of:**

- Broccoli
- Celery
- Eggplant
- Peppers
- Cauliflower
- Early Cabbage
- Head Lettuce

**In mid to late April, sow seeds indoors of:**

- Tomatoes

**In late April, sow seeds directly into the garden of:**

- Beets
- Leaf Lettuce
- Peas
- Potato tubers (seed pieces)
- Carrots
- Mustard
- Radishes
- Chard
- Onion sets
- Spinach
- Kohlrabi
- Parsnips
- Turnips

**In early May, sow seeds indoors of:**

- Cucumbers
- Melons
- Pumpkins
- Squashes

**In early May, transplant plants into the garden of:**

- Broccoli
- Early cabbage
- Onions
- Cauliflower
- Head lettuce

**In mid-May, sow seeds directly into the garden of:**

- Beans
- Okra
- Pumpkins
- Sweet corn

**In late May or early June, sow seeds directly into the garden of:**

- Brussel Sprouts
- Late Cabbage
- Summer Squash
- Watermelon
- Cucumbers
- Lima beans

**In late May, transplant plants into the garden of:**

- Celery
- Melons
- Pumpkins
- Winter squash
- Eggplant
- Peppers
- Tomato

## LATE PLANTING - With an average first frost date of October 7<sup>th</sup>

**August 1st is the last date for planting seeds of:**

- Beets
- Carrot
- Cucumber
- Peas
- Bush Beans
- Chinese cabbage
- Kohlrabi
- Turnips

**August 1st is the last date for planting transplants of:**

- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Collards
- Onion plants
- Chinese Cabbage
- Cabbage
- Kale

**September 1st is the last date for planting seeds of:**

- Chard
- Leaf Lettuce
- Mustard greens
- Spinach

**September 1st is the last date for planting transplants of:**

- Kohlrabi
- Onion sets

**September 15th is the last date for planting seeds of:**

- Radish

**Gardening Questions?** Contact the Extension Waukesha County Horticulture Helpline by emailing horticulture questions to [uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov).

