

Cool Season Crops for Spring and Fall

Vegetable	Crop Type	Planting Space	Average Days to Harvest	Hardiness	Cultivation Notes
Arugula	Green	18"	20-40	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Asparagus	Stem	18"	n/a	Hardy	Perennial, early spring producing
Broccoli	Flowering Green	3"	50-65	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Broccoli Rabe	Flowering Green	18"	35-40	Very Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Brussels Sprouts	Green	12"	90-110	Hardy	Best flavor after light frost
Cabbage	Green	12-18"	60-90	Hardy	Best flavor in cool weather
Cauliflower	Flowering Green	12"	55-80	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Celeriac	Stem	6"	90-100	Hardy	Best flavor in cool weather
Chives	Herb	8"	n/a	Hardy	Perennial, spring and fall producing
Cilantro	Herb	4"	40-60	Tender	Bolts in summer heat; seeds are used as coriander spice
Collards	Green	12-18"	50-60	Hardy	Best flavor after light frost
Endive/Escarole/Radicchio	Green	12"	60-100	Hardy	Develop strong bitter taste in heat
Fennel	Stem	6"	50-80	Hardy	Baby fennel bulbs can be harvested at 50 days
Kale	Green	12-18"	30-80	Hardy	Best flavor in cool weather
Kohlrabi	Stem	8-12"	55-70	Hardy	Best flavor in cool weather
Leek	Root	8-12"	75-110	Very Hardy	Plant deep for best root development
Lettuce	Green	6-12"	40-60	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Mustard Greens	Green	6"	30-40	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Parsley	Herb	6"	45-60	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Parsnip	Root	6"	100-120	Very Hardy	Plant in loose, friable soil
Peas	Pod	3"	55-85	Hardy	Train on trellis
Radishes	Root	2"	20-30	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Rutabaga	Root	8"	90-100	Hardy	Requires cool weather for best flavor
Scallions	Root	1"	60-75	Very Hardy	Hotter flavor in warm weather
Spinach	Green	4"	45-60	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat
Turnips	Root	3"	45-70	Hardy	Bolts in summer heat

Warm Season Crops for Summer

Vegetable	Crop Type	Planting Space	Average Days to Harvest	Hardiness	Cultivation Notes
Artichoke	Flower	18"	85-100	Tender	Choose first-year blooming varieties for temperate areas
Basil	Herb	6-10"	45-60	Tender	For best flavor, pinch off buds to keep plants from flowering
Beans (Snap & Lima)	Pod	4-8"	50-70	Tender	Trellis vining pole beans
Cantaloupe/Muskmelon	Fruit	3-5'	75-100	Tender	Grow on mounds protected with straw
Corn	Ear	2'	70-105	Tender	Plant several rows for good ear production
Cucumber	Fruit	2-3'	55-65	Tender	Trellis or grow on mounds protected with straw
Eggplant	Fruit	2'	75-90	Tender	Protect from flea beetles
Okra	Fruit	12"	50-65	Very Tender	Pick okra pods when they are young and tender
Onion	Root	4"	65-100	Hardy	Onions may be sweet or hot and early-, mid- or late-season
Oregano	Herb	n/a	n/a	Hardy	Perennial, fast-spreading, best grown in pots
Pepper (Sweet & Hot)	Fruit	2-3'	60-90	Tender	Cage for best support
Pumpkin	Fruit	3-6'	90-110	Tender	Grow on beds protected with straw
Squash (Summer & Winter)	Fruit	3-6'	45-95	Tender	Choose space-saving bush varieties for smaller gardens
Sweet Potato	Root	2'	110-125	Tender	Choose space-saving bush varieties for smaller gardens
Tomato	Fruit	2-3'	60-90	Very Tender	Cage and choose determinant (bush) types for smaller gardens
Tomatillo	Fruit	2-3'	60-70	Tender	Cage for best support
Watermelon	Fruit	3-6'	80-100	Tender	Grow on beds protected with straw
Zucchini	Fruit	3-6'	45-60	Tender	Choose space-saving bush varieties for smaller gardens

Continuous Crops for Warm and Cool Seasons

Vegetable	Crop Type	Planting Space	Days to Harvest	Hardiness	Cultivation Notes
Beets	Root/Green	3"	45-65	Hardy	Harvest baby beets when 2" across
Carrots	Root	2"	60-80	Hardy	Some varieties are better for hot or cool weather
Potato	Root	18"	80-100	Tender	Cool summers preferred; varieties may be early-, mid- or late-season
Swiss Chard	Green	2'	65-70	Hardy	Greens are sweeter cool weather