

Recommended Planting Times and Vegetable Varieties for the North Olympic Peninsula

The following recommendations are based on experiences at Clallam County Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens. Performance of the recommended varieties and planting times can vary depending on specific garden conditions such elevation, sun and wind exposure, and use of raised beds.

Suggested planting times are for planting outdoors without protection from cold. If plant covers are used (such as low tunnels or floating row covers), seeds and starts can sometimes be planted earlier than stated.

Planting starts, where appropriate, will usually provide a faster harvest. Not all vegetable types, however, transplant well. Starts are commonly used for Brassica family members, eggplants, leeks, peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

Type of vegetable	Recommended planting time	Locally recommended varieties
Arugula	March-June (seeds)	Astro, Esmee, Red Dragon
	July-September (seeds)	Dragon's Tongue, Roquette, Speedy, Sylvetta
Beans		
Fava	November and February	Broad Windsor, Vroma
Bush	May* (seeds)	Provider
Pole	May* (seeds)	Blue Lake, Fortex
Beets	March-May (seeds)	Bull's Blood, Detroit Dark Red, Spring Color Beet Blend
	July-early August (seeds)	Chioggia, Detroit Dark Red, Early Wonder Tall Top, Touchstone Gold
Broccoli	March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Di Cicco, Thompson, Waltham 29
	Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Thompson; Rudolph and Purple Sprouting for overwintering
Brussels sprouts	May (seeds) June (starts)	Diablo, Falstaff Purple, Oliver
Cabbage	March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Caraflex, Golden Acre, Gonzales, Parel
	Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre, Gonzales; Famosa, January King, Storage No. 4 for overwintering
Carrots	April-May (seeds)	Danvers Half Long, Ingot, Mokum, Yaya
	Early July (seeds)	Bolero, Danvers Half Long, Red Core Chantenay
	Late August-September (seeds)	Autumn King (sow September), Merida (sow Late August) for overwintering
Cauliflower	March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Amazing, Snow Crown
	Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Amazing, Olympic
Chard	March-June (seeds)	Bright Lights, Golden, Perpetual, Rainbow Blend, Rhubarb
	Late July-August (starts) September (seeds, starts)	Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Perpetual
Corn	June	Bodacious, Earlivee, Quickie, Seneca Horizon, Sugar Pearl White, Sugar and Gold
Cucumber	May-June* (seeds or starts)	Pepinex, Lemon, Marketmore 97
Eggplant	May-June (starts)	Black King
Greens, Asian and Mustard	March-May (seeds)	Bok Choi, Ching Chiang, Hatakena, Komatsuna, Pac Choi, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
	July-September (seeds)	Hatakena, Mizuna, Pac Choi, Red Kingdom, Tah Tsai, Wasabina

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Kale	March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Beira Tronchuda, Curled Scotch, Nero Di Toscana, Improved Dwarf Siberian, Red Russian, Red Ursa, Redbor
	Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Curled Scotch, Nero Di Toscana, Red Russian
Leeks	March-May (starts)	King Richard, Pandora
	Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Pandora, Giant Musselburgh, Lancelot, Zermatt
	September (seeds) (overwintering)	American Flag
Lettuce	March-June (seeds)	Buttercrunch, Continuity, Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed, Little Gem, Merlot, Outredgeous, Parris Island Cos, Red Sails, Salad Bowl
	July-September (seeds)	Arctic Tundra Blend, Continuity, Rouge D'Hiver, Winter Density; Arctic King for overwintering
Onions, Bunching/Scallions	March-May (seeds)	Pacific Pearl, Red Guardsman
	August-September (seeds)	Pacific Pearl, Red Guardsman, White Bunching
Onions, Bulbing	March-May (seeds)	Ailsa Craig, Patterson, Walla Walla
	Early July (seeds)	Ailsa Craig, Patterson
	August-September (seeds)	Walla Walla
Peas	March-May (seeds) Early July (seeds)	Alderman (shelling), Oregon Sugar Pea Pod II (snow peas), Super Sugar Snap (snap)
	September (seeds) (overwintering)	Alaska (shelling), Avalanche (snow), Canoe (shelling), Cascadia (snap), Green Arrow (shelling)
Peppers	May-June* (starts)	California Wonder 300, Wonder Bell
Potatoes	March-May (seed potatoes)	Caribe, French Fingerling, Kennebec, Kerr's Pink, Ozette, Purple Peruvian, Red Norland, Rose Thumb, Russet Norkotah, Russian Banana Fingerling
Radishes	March-May (seeds)	Cherry Belle, French Breakfast, German Giant, Starburst
	July-September (seeds)	China Rose, Dragon, Runder Schwarzer Winter; Daikon for overwintering
Spinach	March-June (seeds)	Olympia, Palco (slow bolting), Seaside
	July-September (seeds)	Bloomsdale Savoy, Giant Winter, Olympia
Squash, Summer	May-June* (seeds or starts)	Black Beauty Zucchini, Cavili, Latino, Bush Scallop, Round Zucchini, Superpik, Tromboncino
Squash, Winter	May-June* (seeds or starts)	Butterbaby, Honey Boat Delicata, Table King Acorn, Vegetable Spaghetti, Waltham Butternut
Tomatoes	May-June* (starts)	Bloody Butcher, Early Girl, Oregon Spring, Stupice, Sun Gold
Turnips	March-April (seeds) July-early September (seeds)	Hakurei, Purple Top White Globe, Tokyo Cross

*Soil temperatures of 60 degrees

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