



May

Vegetables

- Direct seed cool-season vegetables into the garden.
- Harden off cool-season vegetable starts and transplant into garden by end of month.
- Direct sow beans, corn, cucumbers, and squash when soil at planting depth is at least 60 degrees.
- Transplant eggplant, pepper, and tomato starts when soil at planting depth is at least 60 degrees. Cover if air temperatures fall below 50 degrees.
- Fertilize garlic with a balanced fertilizer (equal amounts of N, P, and K) through mid-month.
- Use row covers to protect beets, chard, and spinach from leaf miners.
- Check cabbage family crops for caterpillars.

Fruit trees

- Fertilize fruit trees using a balanced fertilizer if last year's growth was less than 8-12 inches.
- If trees have had past problems with brown rot, scab, or mildew, spray with fungicide registered for those problems following instructions on label. Do not apply fungicides while trees in bloom.
- Thin apples, pears, and plums when the size of a large marble. Thin plums to one fruit 2-4 inches apart on a branch and apples and pears to 1 to 2 fruits per cluster 6-8 inches apart on the branch.

Berries

- Fertilize blueberries with 2-8 Tbsp. ammonium sulfate per plant (amount depends on age of plant) once in late May or 1 Tbsp. of fish emulsion diluted in 1 cup of water per plant twice this month.
- Fertilize raspberries and blackberries with 5-10-10 or a balanced fertilizer in late May.
- Trellis new (first year) raspberry canes as they reach knee height.
- Make sure berries get 1-2 inches of water weekly.



Locally recommended vegetable varieties

- Arugula – Astro, Esmee, Red Dragon
- Beans – Blue Lake, Fortex, Provider
- Beets – Bull’s Blood, Detroit Dark Red, Spring Color Beet Blend
- Broccoli – Di Cicco, Thompson, Waltham 29
- Cabbage – Caraflex, Golden Acre, Gonzales, Parel
- Carrots – Danvers Half Long, Ingot, Mokum, Yaya
- Cauliflower – Amazing, Snow Crown
- Chard – Bright Lights, Golden, Perpetual, Rainbow Blend, Rhubarb
- Corn – Bodacious, Earlivee, Quickie, Seneca Horizon, Sugar Pearl White, Sugar and Gold
- Cucumbers – Lemon, Marketmore 97, Pepinex
- Eggplants – Black King
- Greens (Asian and mustards) – Bok Choi, Ching Chiang, Komatsuna, Pac Choi, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
- Kale – Beira Tronchuda, Curled Scot, Nero Di Toscana, Improved Dwarf Siberian, Red Russian, Red Ursa, Redbor
- Leeks – King Richard, Pandora
- Lettuce – Buttercrunch, Continuity, Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed, Little Gem, Merlot, Outredgeous, Parris Island Cos, Red Sails, Salad Bowl
- Onions – Ailsa Craig, Pacific Pearl, Patterson, Red Guardsman, Walla Walla
- Peas – Alderman, Oregon Sugar Pea Pod II, Super Sugar Snap
- Peppers – California Wonder 300, Wonder Bell
- Potatoes – Caribe, French Fingerling, Kennebec, Kerr's Pink, Ozette, Purple Peruvian, Rose Thumb, Russet Norkotah, Russian Banana Fingerling
- Radish – Cherry Belle, French Breakfast, German Giant, Starburst
- Spinach – Olympia, Palco (slow bolting), Seaside
- Squash, Summer – Black Beauty Zucchini, Cavili, Latino, Bush Scallop, Round Zucchini, Superpik, Tromboncino
- Squash, Winter – Butterbaby, Honey Boat Delicata, Table King Acorn, Vegetable Spaghetti, Waltham Butternut
- Tomatoes – Bloody Butcher, Early Girl, Oregon Spring, Stupice, Sun Gold

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