

Clallam County Gardening Calendar



August

Vegetables

- Direct seed arugula, carrots, chard, greens (Asian and mustard), lettuce, onions, spinach, and turnips for a late fall/winter crop. (See recommended varieties on back.)
- Direct seed fava beans, leeks, and peas for overwintering. (See recommended varieties.)
- Harvest onions when half the tops have fallen over and winter squash when skins are hard and cannot be punctured with a thumbnail. Cure in a warm, dry place. Store in a cool, dark, well-ventilated area.
- Harvest potatoes after vines die and skins are firmly attached to tuber. Cure until skins toughen. Store in a cool, dark, well-ventilated area.
- To encourage tomatoes to ripen, cut root system by pushing a shovel into soil halfway around plant, about 8 to 12 inches from the main stem. Top indeterminate (vine-like) tomatoes and remove young fruit and blossoms from all tomato varieties to redirect energy to remaining fruit.
- Sow cover crops (such as crimson clover, hairy vetch, or cereal rye) in empty vegetable beds to be tilled into the soil in spring.

Fruit trees

- Harvest apples when seeds turn brown and European pears when full-sized but hard.

Berries

- Clean up debris around berry plants.
- Thin June-bearing strawberries; remove weak, old, and crowded plants; and narrow rows, if not renovated in July.
- Prune out second-year raspberry and blackberry canes (canes that fruited during the summer).
- Trellis first-year canes of trailing blackberries except at higher elevations. At higher elevations, leave them on ground and trellis in spring.

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Locally recommended fall/winter vegetable varieties:

- Arugula – Dragon’s Tongue, Roquette, Speedy, Sylvetta
- Beets – Chioggia, Detroit Dark Red, Early Wonder Tall Top, Touchstone Gold
- Broccoli – Aspacroc and Thompson; Purple Sprouting (overwintering)
- Cabbage – Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre, Gonzales; Famosa, January King, Storage No. 4 (overwintering)
- Carrots – Merida (overwintering)
- Cauliflower – Amazing, Olympic
- Chard – Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Perpetual
- Greens (Asian and mustards) – Mizuna, Pac Choi, Red Kingdom, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
- Kale – Curled Scot, Nero Di Toscana, Red Russian
- Leeks – Bleu de Solaise, Giant Musselburgh, Lancelot, Zermatt
- Lettuce – Arctic Tundra Blend, Continuity, Rouge D’Hiver, Winter Density; Arctic King (overwintering)
- Onions – Pacific Pearl, Red Guardsman, Walla Walla, White Bunching
- Peas – Alaska, Avalanche, Canoe, Cascadia, Green Arrow
- Radish – China Rose, Dragon, Runder Schwarzer Winter; Daikon (overwintering)
- Spinach – Bloomsdale Savoy, Giant Winter, Olympia
- Turnips – Hakurei, Purple Top White Globe

For more information on fall and winter gardening, see “Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest” (PNW 548) available at catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw548

Plant Clinics

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Woodcock Demonstration Garden in Sequim on selected Saturdays (August 19 and September 16), 9:30 am-12:30 pm
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