

Vegetable Gardening

January: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/january-garden-calendar>

1. order seeds, catalogues
2. Start a Gardening Journal
3. Begin planning the vegetable garden [FS075E](#)
4. Refresh or reapply any mulch that has blown away from around any plants that you mulched to protect from the cold.
5. Tune up and clean hand gardening tools with rubbing alcohol if this wasn't done in the fall [FS131E](#)
6. Continue adding kitchen scraps to the compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

February: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/february-garden-calendar>

1. Build a cold frame for starting vegetable seedlings.
2. If soil thaws, gather a sample to be tested [EM063E](#), [MISC0304](#)
3. Wash any plastic pots or other planting trays in a 10% bleach solution [EC001](#), [ch6](#), [FS131E](#)
4. Continue to add kitchen scraps to the compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)
5. Globe artichoke, asparagus, celery and some lettuce seeds can be started indoors [PNW0170](#)
6. When rhubarb starts to leaf out, top dress rhubarb with aged compost or fertilizer

March

1. Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Chinese cabbage, cauliflower, and pepper seeds can be started indoors now [PNW0170](#), [FS220E](#)

2. If you haven't already, get your garden soil tested [MISC0304](#), [EM063E](#)
3. Be on the lookout for bugs
4. Pull any weeds that germinate [MISC0304](#),
5. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

April 1 -15

1. Start seeds indoors: tomatoes, eggplant, [FS145E](#), [FS149E](#)
2. Direct seed outside: lettuces, onions, parsnips, peas, radish, spinach, and Swiss chard [FS116E](#), [FS097E](#), [PNW0170](#)
3. Plant outside: asparagus crowns, onion sets, rhubarb roots, Jerusalem artichokes [FS097E](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
4. Be on the lookout for bugs
5. If it's been a dry spring, be prepared to water [MISC0304](#)
6. Weed [MISC0304](#)
7. Turn compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

April 15 – May 1

1. Start seeds inside: cucumbers, melons, squash, pumpkins [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6,[FS087E](#),[FS096E](#)
2. Direct seed outside: spring radish, peas, chive, lettuces, spinach, arugula, chives, collard greens, kohlrabi, lettuces, mustard greens, onions, parsnips, and Swiss chard [FS116E](#), [FS097E](#), [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
3. Keep on the lookout for bugs
4. If it's been a dry spring, be prepared to water [MISC0304](#)
5. Weed [MISC0304](#)
6. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

May 1 -15

1. Transplant cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, globe artichoke, asparagus seedlings, [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Direct seed outside: beets, carrots, turnips, potatoes, corn, parsley [FS118E](#), [FS165E](#), [FS104E](#), [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
3. Be on the lookout for bugs
4. Water as needed [MISC0304](#)
5. Weed [MISC0304](#)
6. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

May 15 – June 1

1. Direct seed outside: bush and pole beans, corn, potatoes [FS104E](#) , [FS088E](#), [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Transplant outside: cucumbers melons, squash, pumpkin, celery, [FS087E](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
3. Harvest: spring radish, rhubarb, spinach, mustard greens [EC001](#),ch6
4. Be on the lookout for bugs
5. Water as needed [MISC0304](#)
6. Weed [MISC0304](#)
7. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

June

1. Direct plant outside: okra [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Second planting of bush beans, carrots, Swiss chard, parsnips, corn [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
3. Transplant outside: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant [FS220E](#) , [FS145E](#), [FS149E](#),[MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6

4. Water as needed [MISC0304](#)
5. Weed [MISC0304](#)
6. Compost, turn if needed [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)
7. In beds with older, more established plants, consider mulching to help retain moisture and suppress weeds
8. Harvest: arugula, collards, lettuces, mustard greens, peas [EC001](#),ch6,

July

1. Water [MISC0304](#)
2. Weed [MISC0304](#)
3. Consider mulching beds to retain water and suppress weeds
4. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)
5. Harvest: globe artichoke, asparagus, bush beans, beets, broccoli, chives, collards, garlic, kohlrabi, lettuces, mustard greens, green onions, parsley, peas, radish, summer squash, Swiss chard, turnips
6. Successive planting of green onions, carrots, collards, Swiss chard, turnips [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
7. Direct seed outside: kale [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6

August

1. Successive plant: carrots, chives, kale, spinach [PNW0170](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Keep up the watering [MISC0304](#)
3. Weed [MISC0304](#)
4. Compost, turn as needed [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)
5. Harvest: pole and bush beans, Chinese cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, onions, parsnips, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes

September

1. Successive plant: spinach, chives [PNW0170](#), [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Harvest: summer cabbage, carrots, collards, kale, spinach, winter squash, pumpkins, tomatoes
3. Water as needed [MISC0304](#)
4. Compost: healthy old plants from the garden can go into the compost. Do not add any diseased or bug infested plants - toss these into the garbage. [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)
5. If fall weather is lacking rain, additional watering will be needed.
6. Before the first frost: pick all (green) tomatoes and bring indoors to ripen
7. bring in tender crops that won't be over-wintering in the garden
8. Mulch any winter squash, carrots, parsnips, and beets for winter harvesting
9. Maintenance and clean-up begins: spade or plow in organic matter such as leaves and straw; sow cover crops
10. If you didn't test your soil this past season, now is a good time. Add any amendments, if needed
11. Divide rhubarb, chives, and any perennial herbs

October

1. Plant garlic cloves [MISC0304](#), [EC001](#),ch6
2. Finish up any clean-up or maintenance chores
3. Mulch rhubarb and asparagus
4. Harvest pumpkins, carrots, collards, kale, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts
5. Sign up for the WSU Extension Master Gardener course
6. Continue to add kitchen compostables to the compost pile [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

November

1. Harvest any carrots, collards, kale, and kohlrabi that haven't been mulched.
2. Inventory gardening tools, clean and repair [FS131E](#)
3. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)

December

1. Enjoy all the bounties of your year in the garden
2. Compost [EB1784E](#), [FS207E](#)