



Columbia Nursery

Seed Starting Schedule

Our growing season runs from about mid-May to mid-September, about 130 days.

Vegetable	Start Seeds Indoors	Direct Sow in Garden
Beans	late April to early May	once soil temp reaches 65°F
Beets	no	once soil temp reaches 45°F
Broccoli	about mid-March	No – can buy plants to set out
Brussels Sprouts	about mid-March	No – can buy plants to set out
Cabbage	About mid-March	No – can buy plants to set out
Carrots	no	once soil temp reaches 45°F
Cauliflower	about mid-March	No – can buy plants to set out
Celery	about mid-March	No – can buy plants to set out
Corn	late April to early May	once soil temp reaches 65°F
Cucumbers	late April to early May	once soil temp reaches 65°F
Eggplant	late March	No – can buy plants to set out
Kale	late March	No – can buy plants to set out
Lettuce, leaf	anytime you want greens	once soil temp reaches 50°F
Lettuce, head	no	once soil temp reaches 50°F
Leeks	early March	No – can buy plants to set out
Muskmelon	early April	No – can buy plants to set out
Onions, yellow, white, red	early February	No – can buy sets to plant early
Onions, green	spring mid-April	once soil temp reaches 45°F
Parsnips	no	once soil temp reaches 45°F
Peas, snap and shelling	no	once soil temp reaches 45°F



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Pepper, hot and sweet	mid to late February	No – can buy plants to set out
Pumpkins	mid-April	No – can buy plants to set out
Radishes	no	once soil temp reaches 55°F
Spinach	no	once soil temp reaches 45°F
Squash, summer	no	once soil temp reaches 70°F
Squash, hard	mid to late April	No – can buy plants to set out
Swiss Chard	no	once soil temp reaches 50°F
Tomatoes	mid to late February	No – can buy plants to set out
Turnips	no	once soil temp reaches 50°F
Watermelon	early April	No – can buy plants to set out