

Memphis Area Master Gardeners - Kitchen Garden Planting Guide

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		Planting Intervals	Inches between plants	Inches between rows	Days to Harvest	Length of harvest	Yield per 10 foot row	When to Harvest	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Asparagus	(Perennial)								Feb. - Mar.	15-18	3 ft. -4 ft.		4-8 weeks	1.5-2.0 lb.	When plants are 2-3 years old and spears are 6-9 inches tall, have a tight spear tip and are thicker than a pencil					
Beans - Lima		May - June	3-4	24-36	65-75	3 weeks	2-3 lb. shelled	When pods are full but seeds are green												
Beans - Lima, Pole		May - June	3-4	36-48	80-90	4 weeks	2.5-5 lb.	When pods are full but seeds are green												
Beans - Snap, Bush		Apr. 10 - June 20 July 15 - Aug 15	3-4	24-36	52-60	2 weeks +	8-12 lb.	When pods snap easily and are still smooth												
Beans - Snap, Pole		Apr. 10 - June 20	3-4	36-48	60-65	5-6 weeks	10-15 lb.	When pods snap easily and are still smooth												
Beets		Mar. 1 - Mar. 10	2-3	14-36	55 - 60	4 weeks	8-15 lb.	1 ½" to 2 ½" inch beets have highest quality												
Broccoli		Mar. 1 - Apr. 1 July 15 - Aug 15	10-15	24-36	60 -70	4 weeks	5-10 lb.	Before flowers show yellow color												
Cabbage		Feb. 20 - Apr. 1 July 15 - Aug 15	15-18	24-36	60 - 75	3 weeks	12-20 lb.	When heads become firm & heavy												
Cabbage - Chinese		July 1 - July 30	12	24 -36	40-50	4 weeks	20-30 lb.	Cut the entire plant at ground line when the heads are compact and firm.												
Cantaloupe		May	24	72	80-90	3 weeks	10+ melons	When melons can be lifted and the vine slips without pressure												
Carrots		Mar. 1 - Apr. 1	2-4	14-36	75 - 85	4-6 weeks	5-10 lb.	Anytime roots are firm and brittle												
Cauliflower		Mar. 1 - Apr. 1 July 15 - Aug 15	15-18	24-36	55 - 65	2 weeks	5-10 lb.	Before curd loosens and discolors												
Collard Greens		Mar. 1 - Apr. 1 July 1 - Sep 1	8-15	18-36	65 - 75	4-30 weeks	10-15 lb.	When leaves are large but still green and firm												
Corn - Popcorn		Apr. 15 - June 1	8-12	36	85-120	2 months	9-12 ears	When husks turn brown, and you are unable to press your thumbnail into a kernel												
Corn - Sweet		Apr. 10 - June 10	8-12	36	80-95	7-10 days	9-12 ears	When kernel juice is milky, silk begins to dry and ears are full to end												
Cucumber		May - June July 1 - Aug 1	12	72	50-65	3-6 weeks	11-25 lb.	When seeds are small, flesh is firm and color is green												
Eggplant		May	24	36	65-80	2 months	8-15 lb.	Before color begins to dull												
Garlic		Oct 1 - Nov 30	6	12-Oct	90-240	3 weeks	7X - 8X	When ½ of leaves turn yellow/brown												
Kale		Feb. - Mar. July 1 - Sep 1	8-15	18-36	55 - 65	4-20 weeks	10-15 lb.	When leaves are large but before they yellow												
Kohlrabi		Feb. - Mar. July 15 - Sep 1	5-8	14-36	40 - 50	4 weeks	5-8 lb.	When 2" or more in diameter but still tender												
Lettuce - Head		Feb. - Mar.		14-36	65 - 80	2-3 weeks	5-10 lb.	Harvest head lettuce types when they are firm and well wrapped												
Lettuce - Leaf		Feb. - Apr. July 1 - Sep 15	6-10	14-36	40 - 50	4-6weeks	5-8 lb.	When tender and mild flavored, before bolting												
Mustard Greens		Feb. July 1 - Sep 15	5-10	14-36	35 - 45	3-6 weeks	8-10 lb.	When leaves are crisp and tender												
Okra		May 5 - May 20	6-12	36	50-60	7-9 weeks	5-10 lb.	When pods are - 3 ½" long												

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Onions	Feb. - Mar.	3-5	14-36	100 - 120	2 weeks	3-5 lb.	After tops have died down												
Onions - Green	Feb. - Mar.	3-5	14-36	30 - 60	3 weeks	5-10 lb.	When bulb is 3/8" to 1" in diameter												
Parsnip	April 15 - May 30	3-6	8-Jun	120	2-3 months	10-12 lb.	Leave in ground for a few frosts harvest prior to a freeze												
Peas - English	Feb. - Mar.	5	12-36	65 -75	2-3 weeks	2-3 lb.	After pods have filled but before they turn yellow												
Peas - Snap	Feb. - Mar.	5	12-36	65 - 75	2-3 weeks	3-5 lb.	When pods start to fatten. If pods are chewy and tough, shell the peas and compost the pods												
Peas - Southern	May - June	4	36	65-80	3-5 weeks	3-4 lb.	For fresh use or freezing; When pods shell easily. For drying; After pods are dry and brittle												
Pepper - Hot	May - June	18-24	36	60-70	2-3 months	1-3 lb.	After pods reach full size												
Pepper - Sweet	May - June	18-24	36	55-80	2-3 months	5-85 lb.	When pods are full size and still firm												
Potato - Irish	Mar. Sep 10 - Sep 20	12	30-36	90 - 110	4 months stored	10-12 lb.	For immediate use: after tubers are 1" in diameter, For storage; After vines have died and skin has set												
Potato - Sweet	May	12	36	110-120	5 months stored	8-12 lb.	After reaching desired size but before cool rain falls												
Pumpkin	May	48	120-144	100-120	4 months stored	4-5 Pumpkins	At mature color, press your nail into the pumpkin's skin; if it resists puncture, it is ripe												
Radish	Feb. 15 - Apr. 15 Aug 1 - Sep 15	2-4	14-36	25 _ 30	3 weeks	8-10 lb.	When firm and brilliantly colored												
Spinach	Feb. Sep 10 - Sep 20	4-6	14-36	40 - 50	3 weeks	1-3 lb.	When leaves are crisp and dark green												
Squash - Summer	May - June July 15 - Aug 15	12-24	48-60	40-50	6 weeks	10-15 lb.	When large end is 1½" - 2 ½" inches in diameter and skin is still tender												
Squash - Winter	May - June	24-36	72-96	90-110	4 months stored	5-20 lb.	When rind is not easily scratched by fingernail.												
Swiss Chard	Mar.	6-10	18-36	50 - 60	4-30 weeks	5-10 lb.	When leaves are crisp, tender and still green												
Tomato	Apr. 10 - June 10 July 1 - Aug 1	24	48	70-80	8 weeks +	20-30 lb.	When fully colored but still firm												
Turnip Greens	Mar. Aug 1 - Sep 30	2-4	18-36	30 - 40	Several weeks	5-10 lb.	While leaves are green and crisp												
Turnips	Mar. Aug 1 - Sep 15	4-6	18-36	40 - 65	6 months	10-15 lb.	After 2" in diameter but while still tender												
Watermelon	May - June	48	120-144	80-90	3 weeks	2-3 melons	When tendrils adjacent to fruit die and rind on ground becomes yellow												

References

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