

HOW TO GARDEN BY THE MOON

Gardening by the Moon is a great way to help plan your above and below ground crops. Here's how it works:

- Plant flowers and vegetables that bear crops above ground during the light, or waxing, of the Moon: from the day the Moon is new to the day it is full.
- Plant flowering bulbs and vegetables that bear crops below ground during the dark, or waning, of the Moon: from the day after it is full to the day before it is new again.
- The "Planting Dates" column gives the safe periods for planting in areas that receive frost. See our [Frost Dates Calculator](#) for first/last frost dates and the average length of the growing season in your area (U.S. only).
- The "Moon Favorable" column gives the best planting dates based on the year's Moon's phases (Eastern Time). See our [for the exact days of the new and full Moons](#).
- Aboveground crops marked *
- (E) means early planting; (L) means late

	Planting Dates	Moon Favorable
* Barley	3/15-4/7	3/27-4/7
* Beans (E)	4/15-30	4/26-30
(L)	7/1-21	7/1-9
Beets (E)	3/15-4/3	3/15-26
(L)	8/15-31	8/15-20
* Broccoli plants	3/7-31	3/7-12, 3/27-31
(L)	8/1-20	8/1-7
* Brussels sprouts	3/7-4/15	3/7-12, 3/27-4/11
* Cabbage plants	3/7-4/15	3/7-12, 3/27-4/11
Carrots (E)	3/7-31	3/13-26
(L)	7/7-31	7/10-22
* Cauliflower plants (E)	3/15-4/7	3/27-4/7
(L)	7/1-8/7	7/1-9, 7/23-8/7
* Celery plants	3/7-31	3/7-12, 3/27-31
(L)	8/15-9/7	8/21-9/6
* Collards (E)	3/7-4/7	3/7-12, 3/27-4/7
(L)	8/15-31	8/21-31
* Corn, sweet (E)	4/1-17	4/1-11
(L)	7/7-21	7/7-9
* Cucumbers	4/7-5/15	4/7-11, 4/26-5/10
* Eggplant plants	4/7-5/15	4/7-11, 4/26-5/10
* Endive (E)	4/7-5/15	4/7-11, 4/26-5/10

(L)	7/15–8/15	7/23–8/7
* Kale (E)	3/7–4/7	3/7–12, 3/27–4/7
(L)	8/15–31	8/21–31
Leek plants	3/7–4/7	3/13–26
* Lettuce	3/1–31	3/1–12, 3/27–31
* Muskmelons	4/15–5/7	4/26–5/7
* Okra	5/25–6/15	5/25–6/9
Onion sets	3/1–31	3/13–26
* Parsley	3/1–31	3/1–12, 3/27–31
Parsnips	3/7–31	3/13–26
* Peas (E)	3/7–31	3/7–12, 3/27–31
(L)	8/7–31	8/7, 8/21–31
* Pepper plants	4/1–30	4/1–11, 4/26–30
Potatoes	4/1–30	4/12–25
* Pumpkins	4/23–5/15	4/26–5/10
Radishes (E)	3/7–31	3/13–26
(L)	9/7–30	9/7–19
* Spinach (E)	3/15–4/20	3/27–4/11
(L)	8/1–9/15	8/1–7, 8/21–9/6
* Squashes	4/15–30	4/26–30
Sweet potatoes	4/21–5/9	4/21–25
* Swiss chard	3/15–4/15	3/27–4/11
* Tomato plants	4/7–30	4/7–11, 4/26–30
Turnips (E)	3/15–31	3/15–26
(L)	8/1–20	8/8–20
* Watermelons	4/15–5/7	4/26–5/7
* Wheat, spring	3/1–20	3/1–12
* Wheat, winter	9/15–10/20	9/20–10/5, 10/19–20