

PLANTING GUIDES Based on FROST DATES: Apr 26 and Oct 13, 2023

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/growers-library/seed-planting-schedule-calculator.html>

Crop	Number of weeks to start seeds before setting-out date	When to start inside		Safe time to set out plants (relative to frost-free date)	Setting-out date	
		From	To		From	To
VEGETABLES						
Artichoke	8	1-Mar		on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Basil	6	22-Mar		1 week after	3-May	
Beets*	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	2 weeks before	12-Apr	
Broccoli	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	2 weeks before	12-Apr	
Cabbage	4 to 6	15-Feb	29-Mar	4 weeks before	29-Mar	26-Apr
Cauliflower	4 to 6	1-Mar	29-Mar	2 weeks before	12-Apr	26-Apr
Celery & Celeriac	10 to 12	8-Feb	22-Feb	1 week after	3-May	
Collards	4 to 6	15-Feb	1-Mar	4 weeks before	29-Mar	
Corn Salad/Mâche	4 to 6	1-Feb	8-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	15-Mar	5-Apr
Corn*	2 to 4	29-Mar	26-Apr	0 to 2 weeks after	26-Apr	10-May
Cucumber	3 to 4	5-Apr	19-Apr	1 to 2 weeks after	3-May	10-May
Eggplant	8 to 10	1-Mar	22-Mar	2 to 3 weeks after	10-May	17-May
Kale	4 to 6	15-Feb	1-Mar	4 weeks before	29-Mar	

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Kohlrabi*	4 to 6	15-Feb	1-Mar	4 weeks before	29-Mar	
Leeks	8 to 10	1-Feb	15-Feb	2 weeks before	12-Apr	
Lettuce	4 to 5	22-Feb	8-Mar	3 to 4 weeks before	29-Mar	5-Apr
Melons	3 to 4	12-Apr	19-Apr	2 weeks after	10-May	
Mustard*	4 to 6	15-Feb	1-Mar	4 weeks before	29-Mar	
Okra*	4 to 6	29-Mar	26-Apr	2 to 4 weeks after	10-May	24-May
Onions	8 to 10	18-Jan	1-Feb	4 weeks before	29-Mar	
Parsley	9 to 10	25-Jan	8-Feb	2 to 3 weeks before	5-Apr	12-Apr
Peas*	3 to 4	1-Feb	22-Feb	6 to 8 weeks before	1-Mar	15-Mar
Peppers	8	15-Mar		2 weeks after	10-May	
Pumpkins	3 to 4	12-Apr	19-Apr	2 weeks after	10-May	
Spinach	4 to 6	1-Feb	8-Mar	3 to 6 weeks before	15-Mar	5-Apr
Squash	3 to 4	12-Apr	19-Apr	2 weeks after	10-May	
Swiss Chard	4 to 6	1-Mar	15-Mar	2 weeks before	12-Apr	
Tomatoes	6 to 8	8-Mar	29-Mar	1 to 2 weeks after	3-May	10-May
Watermelon	3 to 4	12-Apr	19-Apr	2 weeks after	10-May	
FLOWERS						
Ageratum	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Agrostemma (Corn Cockle)*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Amaranthus	4 to 6	22-Mar	5-Apr	1 week after	3-May	

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Ammi (False Queen Anne's Lace)*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Artemisia (Sweet Annie)	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)	10 to 12	1-Feb	15-Feb	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Aster, China	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Bells of Ireland**	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Calendula*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Cardoon	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Carthamus (Safflower)*	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Castor Bean	6 to 8	8-Mar	22-Mar	1 week after	3-May	
Celosia	6 to 8	8-Mar	22-Mar	1 week after	3-May	
Centaurea (Bachelor's Button)*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Chinese Lanterns	8 to 12	1-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Coleus	8	8-Mar		1 week after	3-May	
Cosmos*	5 to 7	8-Mar	22-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Craspedia (Drumstick Flower)	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Datura (Angel's Trumpet)	8 to 12	15-Feb	22-Mar	2 to 3 weeks after	10-May	17-May
Delphinium	10 to 16	4-Jan	15-Feb	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Dianthus (Sweet William)	10 to 12	18-Jan	8-Feb	1 to 2 weeks before	12-Apr	19-Apr
Digitalis (Foxglove)	10 to 12	1-Feb	15-Feb	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Eucalyptus	10 to 12	1-Feb	15-Feb	on frost-free date	26-Apr	

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Euphorbia (Snow-on-the-Mountain)*	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Flower Collections & Mixes*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Forget-Me-Not	8 to 9	22-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Helianthus maximillianii	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Hibiscus	8 to 10	22-Feb	8-Mar	1 week after	3-May	
Hollyhock	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Hyacinth Bean	4 to 6	22-Mar	5-Apr	1 week after	3-May	
Impatiens	8 to 10	22-Feb	8-Mar	1 week after	3-May	
Kale, Ornamental	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Larkspur*	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Lisianthus	12 to 13	25-Jan	1-Feb	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Lupine	6 to 8	15-Feb	1-Mar	2 weeks before	12-Apr	
Marigold	6 to 8	8-Mar	22-Mar	1 week after	3-May	
Monarda (Bee Balm)	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Morning Glory	3 to 4	19-Apr	3-May	3 to 4 weeks after	17-May	24-May
Nigella*	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Phlox**	4	1-Mar		1 to 2 weeks before	12-Apr	19-Apr
Pepper, Ornamental	8	8-Mar		1 week after	3-May	

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Petunia	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Polygonum (Prince's Feather)	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
California Poppy*	2 to 3	5-Apr	12-Apr	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Corn Poppy*	2 to 3	5-Apr	12-Apr	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Iceland Poppy	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Ptilotus	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan)	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Salpiglossis (Painted Tongue)	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Salvia	6 to 8	15-Feb	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Sanvitalia	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)	4 to 6	15-Mar	29-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Scarlet Runner Bean	2 to 3			soil 60 degrees		
Snapdragon	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Statice	8	1-Mar		on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Stock	8 to 10	15-Feb	1-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Sunflowers*	3-4	29-Mar	5-Apr	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Strawflower	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Sweet Pea*	4 to 6	1-Mar	22-Mar	1 to 2 weeks before	12-Apr	19-Apr
Thunbergia (Black-Eyed Susan Vine)	6 to 8	1-Mar	15-Mar	on frost-free date	26-Apr	
Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)*	6	22-Mar		1 week after	3-May	

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Verbena	8 to 12	1-Feb	1-M ar	on frost-free date	26-A pr	
Viola (Pansy)	8 to 12	18-Ja n	22-F eb	1 to 2 weeks before	12-A pr	19- Apr
Yarrow	8 to 12	15-Fe b	1-M ar	on frost-free date	26-A pr	
Zinnia	4	5-Apr		1 week after	3-Ma y	

* Usually direct-sown, but can be started indoors

** Specifically recommended for direct-seeding outdoors

Note: Dates are the same from year to year, but this table requires that a year be entered for computation simplicity.