

## Plant Early spring veggies, but don't forget to save space for round two!

Early veggie starts: Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes and spinach are just the beginning! With all these great crops it is easy to fill up your whole garden in one day. However, we want to remind you to save some space for replanting fast maturing crops (such as lettuce) for a continual harvest. . This practice is commonly referred to as "succession planting", and will help you maximize the harvest season by continually planting new areas of varieties that will ripen sequentially.

### **Tips and Tricks**

- \*Some crops, such as potatoes, tomatoes and squash, you only plant once.
- \*Fast maturing crops such as leafy greens, annual herbs and some root crops are the easiest to keep in production with succession planting. Use the "Suggested Plantings" boxes below to select your crops.
- \*Crops planted from starts will mature faster than the same crop planted from seed.
- \*Most seeds require soil temperatures of 50-55°F to sprout. Starts tolerate slightly cooler soils.
- \*The increasing day length is another factor influencing the time between plantings: Marvel of Four Seasons Lettuce may take 60 days to mature when planted in March but only 30 days to mature when planted in May.
- \*It is important to utilize varieties that can withstand lower temperatures and possible frosts at the beginning or end of the season.
- \*At the start of summer, utilize varieties that are heat tolerant to minimize bolting and bitterness of leafy crops.
- \*Fall and winter crops such as Brussels sprouts and cabbage are best planted in late June early July from seed or in July and August from starts.

## Suggested Spring Plantings March-April

**Arugula** seeds or starts  
**Asian greens** seeds or starts  
**Beets** seeds or starts  
**Broccoli** starts  
**Cabbage** starts  
**Cauliflower** starts  
**Carrots** seeds  
**Cilantro** seeds or starts  
**Collards** starts  
**Endive** seeds or starts  
**Kale** seed or starts  
**Kohlrabi** seed or starts  
**Lettuce** seed or start  
**Mache** seeds  
**Mustard Greens** seed or start  
**Radicchio** seed or start  
**Radish** seeds  
**Scallions** starts  
**Swiss chard** seeds or start  
**Spinach** seed or start  
**Turnips** seeds

## Suggested Late Spring to Mid Summer Plantings

### May - July

**Basil** seeds or starts  
**Beans**, bush seeds  
**Beets** seeds  
**Cabbage** starts.  
**Carrots** seeds  
**Cilantro** seeds  
**Collards** seeds or starts  
**Corn** seeds or starts  
**Dill** seeds or starts  
**Lettuce**, warm season varieties seeds or starts  
**Radishes** seeds  
**Rutabaga** seeds  
**Scallions** starts  
**Swiss Chard** seeds or starts  
**Turnips** seeds

## Suggested Late Summer to Early Fall Plantings July - Sept.

**Arugula** seeds  
**Asian Greens** seeds  
**Beets** seeds or starts  
**Broccoli Raab** seeds or starts  
**Broccoli** starts  
**Brussels Sprouts** seeds or starts  
**Cabbage** seeds or starts  
**Carrots** seeds  
**Cauliflower** seeds or starts  
**Cilantro** seeds  
**Collards** seeds or starts  
**Kale** seeds or starts  
**Lettuce** seeds or starts  
**Mache** seed  
**Mustard** seed  
**Napa Cabbage** seeds or starts  
**Radish** seeds  
**Spinach** seeds or starts  
**Turnips** 40-50 days

## Visual Aid

Some of us are visual learners. The following diagram shows a planting space at least three feet wide and eight feet. The bed is divided into four sections, to be planted 2 weeks apart (approximate planting dates are weather dependent). Theoretically, two weeks after the fourth section is planted the first section is ready to be harvested and replanted with new crops. Please note planting dates may be adjusted to accommodate weather and personal schedules.

March 15 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Cilantro	Arugula/ Mizuna	Beets, baby	Arugula/ Mizuna
Endive/ Radicchio	Beets	Carrots	Beets
Lettuce	Carrots	Lettuce	Carrots
Radishes	Chard	Radishes	Cilantro
Mustard	Lettuce	Spinach	Lettuce
Spinach	Radishes	Turnips	Joi Choi

As we transition into late Spring the crop choices change...

May 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Leave: Endive	Leave: Carrots	Leave: Carrots	Leave: Beets
Plant: Bush Beans	Beets	Turnips	Plant: Cilantro
Basil	Chard	Plant: Dill	Corn
Dill	Plant: Bush Beans	Corn	
Carrots	Lettuce	Lettuce	
	Cilantro		

Once mid summer rolls around our planting pallet changes again:

July 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Leave: Basil	Leave: Beans	Leave: Corn	Leave: Corn (cut down stalks when harvest is done)
Beans	Plant: Carrots	Plant: Arugula	Plant: Arugula
Dill	Fall crops	Beets	Lettuce
Carrots	Lettuce	Kale	Mache
Plant: Fall crops		Radish	

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