

Starting Seeds?

Here's a helpful timeline for when to start what...

Average Last Frost Date: May 15th

Usually Seed Packets will tell you the best time to start seeds, typically communicated as weeks before "last frost" date.

Starting seeds inside in the Twin Cities:

February

- Vegetables: Leeks, Onions, Celery
- Flowers: Pansies, Larkspur, Lobelia, Stocks, Violas

Early to Mid March

- Vegetables/Fruits: Brassica Seeds (Cabbage, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Kale), Lettuce- Head types, Peppers, Eggplant
- Herbs: Chamomile, Lovage, Feverfew, Rosemary
- Flowers: Petunias, Scabiosa, Snapdragons, Vinca, Cleome, Hollyhock, Marigold(African), Nicotiana, Statice, Strawflower, Sweet Alyssum, Tithonia

Early to Mid April

- Vegetables/Fruits: Tomato, Tomatillo, Mustard, Swiss Chard, Kale, Kohlrabi, Collard, Bok Choy, Fennel-Bulbing, Melons, Okra
- Herbs: Basil, Catnip, Cumin, Marjoram, Sage-Culinary, Shiso, Thyme, Parsley
- Flowers: Amaranths, Bachelor Buttons, Calendula, Celosia, Mirabilis, Marigold(French/gem), Nasturtium, Portulaca, Strawflower, Cosmos, Sweet peas, Thunbergia, Zinnia Seeds

June or July

- Vegetables/Fruits: Brassicas intended for Fall crops (Cabbages)

Some seeds can go either way- start inside or directly out in the garden space

- Vegetables/Fruits: Lettuce, Kale, Swiss Chard, Mustard, Spinach, Collard, Okra
- Herbs: Basil, Feverfew, Shiso, Parsley,
- Flowers: Marigolds, Mirabilis, Tithonia, Portulaca, Cosmos, Zinnia, Annal Vines-Cardinal Flower, Moonflower, Morning Glories, Thunbergia, Hyacinth Bean

Some seeds prefer to be started directly in your garden soil outside

- Vegetables/Fruits: Arugula, Bean, Beats, Carrots, Corn, Cucumber, Melons, Potatoes, Radish, Squash
- Herbs: Dill, Borage, Cilantro
- Flowers: Sunflowers

Information taken from UMN.edu Extension *Planting and Growing Guides*