

Crop Harvest Planning Chart

Plant carrots in January and you'll never have to eat carrots.

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Planting Dates

1. Choose an edible plant you'd like to grow in your garden.
2. Write down a target date for harvesting your crop.
3. Use a seed packet or planting guide to find the **number of days until harvest**. "Days to harvest" are based on the day that the seed is first put into soil (container or direct sown). Temperature, water and a number of other environmental factors can affect the number of days to harvest. If you are planting a nursery transplant, you can subtract about 30 days off the "days to harvest" found on seed packets and planting guides.
4. From your target date for harvesting, use a calendar to count backwards the **number of days until harvest** to find your planting date.

Crop	Target Date for Harvest	Number of Days to Harvest	Planting Date
<i>Example: Tomatoes</i>	<i>September 30th</i>	<i>90 days from direct seed</i>	<i>June 30th</i>

Frost Dates

Find the frost dates for your area. Check the seed packet or planting guide for the recommended number of weeks to plant before or after the first or last frost. Do your planting dates correspond with these recommendations?

Last Frost (Spring):		First Frost (Fall):	
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Additional Resource:

- *Gardens for Learning*, School Garden Planting Guide, 65 – 68