

## Planting Dates for Vegetable Crops in MD

Crops	Spring Planting Dates <sup>1</sup>	Fall Planting Dates <sup>1</sup>	Feet of Row per Person	Seed or Plants per 100 ft of Row	Depth to Plant (Inches) <sup>2</sup>	Planting Distances Between Rows (Inches) <sup>3</sup>	Planting Distances in Rows (Inches)
Asparagus*	Mar 20-Apr 15		20	100 crowns	6-8	36-60	12-18
Beans, Lima	May 10-June 10	June 20-July 10	20	3/4 lb.	1-1 1/2	30-36	3-4
Beans, Snap	May 5-June 30	July 1-Aug 5	20	3/4 lb.	1-1 1/2	24-30	1-2
Beets	Apr 1-June 15	June 20-Aug 1	10	2 oz.	1/2	15-24	2-3
Broccoli*	Apr 1-May 1	July 25-Aug 5	20	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Brussels sprouts*		June 20-July 10	10	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Cabbage*	Mar 15-Apr 10	July 28-Aug 10	15	100 plants	1/2	24-36	12-18
Cabbage, Chinese	Mar 15-May 1	July 1-Aug 5	10	1 packet	1/2	18-30	8-12
Cantaloupes	May 15-June 15		25	1/2 oz.	1	60-72	24
Carrots	Apr 10-June 1	June 15-Aug 1	20	1/2 oz	1/4	15-30	2-3
Cauliflower*	Apr 1-May 1	July 10-Aug 1	15	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Celery*	Apr 15-May 1		10	300 plants	1/8	18-36	4-6
Chard, Swiss	Apr 15-June 15	June 15-July 25	5	2 oz	1/2	18-36	12-18
Chives	Mar 20-Apr 20			1 packet	1/2	15-24	2-4
Collards*	Apr 1-June 1	July 10-Aug 10	15	67 plants	1/2	24-36	18-24
Cress, Upland	Apr 10-May 10	Sept 1-Oct 1		1 packet	1/4	15-30	2-3
Cucumbers	May 10-June 1	June 15-July 10	15	1/2 oz	1	48-60	18
Eggplants*	May 15-June 10		6	67 plants	1/4	30-42	24
Endive	Apr 1-May 1	July 10-Aug 20	10	1/4 oz	1/4	18-36	12
Garlic <sup>4</sup>	Mar 15-Apr 15	Oct 15-Nov 15	10	400 cloves	1-2	18-24	3
Horseradish*	Apr 1-May 1		5	67 roots	2	18-36	12-18
Kale	Apr 1-Apr 20	July 10-Aug 10	15	1/4 oz	1/2	18-36	8-12
Kohlrabi	Apr 1-May 10	July 10-Aug 10	10	1/4 oz	1/2	18-36	4-6
Leek	Apr 1-May 1		3	1/4 oz	1/2	12-30	2-3
Lettuce, Head*	Apr 1-May 1	Aug 1-Aug 15	10	100 plants	1/4	18-30	12-18

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Lettuce, Leaf	Mar 15-June 1	July 15-Sept 1	15	1 packet	1/4	12-18	8-12
Lettuce, Romaine, Butterhead	April 1-May 15	July 20-Sept 1	15	1 packet	1/4	18-24	18-24
Mustard	Apr 1-May 10	July 20-Aug 20	15	1/4 oz	1/4	18-24	12
Okra	May 10-June 1		10	2 oz	1	36-48	12-18
Onions*	Apr 1-May 1		12	400 plants		15-24	3-4
Onion, Seed	Mar 15-Apr 15		12	1/2 oz	1/2	15-24	3-4
Onion, Sets	Mar 15-Apr 15		12	2 lb	1-2	15-24	3-4
Onion, Multiplier (potato onion)	Oct 15-Nov 15		10	2 lb	1-2	15-24	6-8
Parsley	Apr 1-May 1		1	1 packet	1/4	15-24	6-8
Parsnips	Apr 1-May 1		10	1 packet	1/2	18-24	3-4
Peas	Mar 15-May 1	July 25-Aug 5	20	1/2 lb	1-2	8-24	2-3
Peas, Black-eye	May 15-June 1	June 1-July 1	20	1/2 lb	1	36	4
Peppers*	May 15-June 10		6	67 plants	1/4	30-42	18-24
Potatoes	Mar 20-May 10	June 15-July 10	20	8 lbs	4	30-36	12
Pumpkins	May 20-June 10		10	1 oz	1	60-96	48-72
Radishes	Mar 20-May 10	July 20-Sept 15	10	1 oz	1/2	12-24	1
Rhubarb*	Mar 20-Apr 15	Oct 15-Nov 15	10	33 roots		36-48	36-48
Rutabagas		July 1-Aug 1	10	1/2 oz	1/4	18-30	3-4
Salsify	Apr 1-May 15	June 1-July 1	10	1 oz	1/2	18-30	2-3
Shallots	Apr 1-May 1	Oct 15-Nov 15		1 lb	1-2	12-30	2-3
Soybeans	May 15-June 15	June 15-July 1	20	1 lb	1-2	24-30	2
Spinach	Mar 10 -Apr 20	Aug 1-Sept 5	10	1 oz	1/3	12-24	2-4
Spinach, New Zealand	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 20	5	1 oz	1	30-42	15-18
Squash, Summer	May 1-May 30	June 1-June 15	6	1 oz	1-2	48-60	18-24
Squash, Winter	May 15-June 15		15	1 oz	1-2	60-84	36-48
Sweet Corn	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 10	50	1 oz	1-2	30-36	10-12
Sweet Potatoes*	May 20-June 10		20	100 plants		30-42	12-15
Tomatoes*	May 1-June 15	June 15-July 5	10	67 plants		30-42	18-30
Turnips	Mar 20-May 1	July 10-Sept 1	15	1/2 oz	1/4	18-30	2-3
Watercress	Mar 20-May 1			300 plants		18-24	46
Watermelon	May 15-June 15		20	1 oz	1-2	60-96	48-60

\*Dates are for setting out transplants

<sup>1</sup> Dates are for Central Maryland. Advance or delay planting dates accordingly for other areas of the state. **Planting and harvesting dates are variable depending on garden site, cultivar, cultural practices, and weather.**

<sup>2</sup> A good rule of thumb is to plant seeds to a depth 2x their diameter. Seeds can be planted deeper in sandy soils and shallower in heavy clay soils.

<sup>3</sup> Distance between rows can be reduced if rows are planted on a raised bed.

<sup>4</sup> Garlic planted in the fall will out produce garlic planted in the spring.

**For fall crops, buy or grow your own transplants or plant seeds directly in the garden. If planting transplants, determine time from transplanting to maturity, add 10 to 14 days ("short day factor"), and set out transplants that many days prior to the first fall frost date. If direct sowing seed, determine time from direct sowing to maturity, add 10 to 14 days ("short day factor"), and plant seeds that many days prior to the first fall frost date.**

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