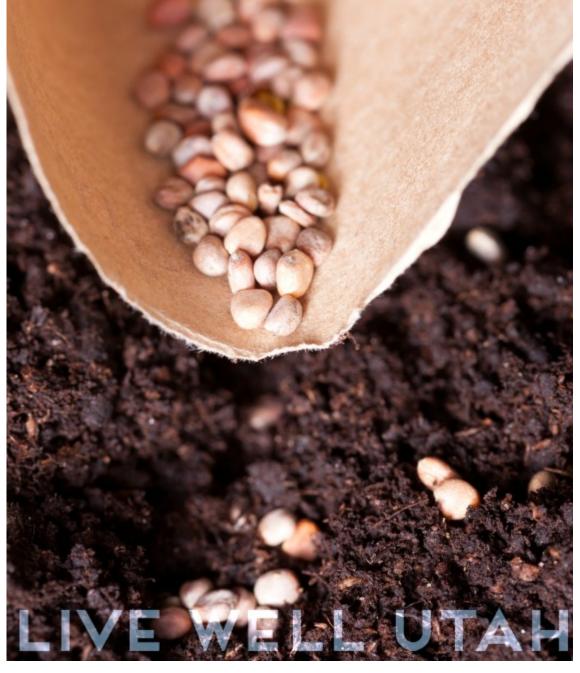
When to Start Planting Northern Utah

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With the weather warming up, it's time to start planning for the upcoming growing season. While each location has its own unique weather conditions, here are some tips for planting along the Wasatch Front. The average date of the last spring frost will vary with location and elevation. Listed below are the 30-year average last frost dates for various cities.

<u>City Average Last Frost</u>*

Bountiful — Val Verda, April 17 Farmington, May 5 Midvale, May 13 Ogden, May 3 Provo — Airport, May 21 Provo — BYU, May 1 Salt Lake City — Airport, April 26 Salt Lake City — U of U, May 1 Salt Lake County — Cottonwood Weir, April 30 Tooele, May 7 Tremonton, May 3

*For more information on freeze dates and Utah's climate, go to http://climate.usu.edu/



Hardy plants like rhubarb, broccoli, cabbage and peas can be planted as soon as the soil dries out in the spring.

Group A: Hardy

Average Planting Date: March 15 - May 1

Artichoke Kohlrabi Asparagus Onion Rhubarb Broccoli Peas Spinach Cabbage Radish Turnip

Group B: Semi-Hardy

Plant a week or two after "A" group or about two weeks before average last spring frost. Average Planting Date: March 20 – May 1 Beet Lettuce Potato Carrot Parsley Salsify

Cauliflower Parsnip

Swiss chard

Endive



Tender plants like summer squash, cucumbers and sweet corn can be planted around the average date of the last spring frost, about when first apples reach full bloom.

<u>Group C: Tender</u> Average Planting Date: May 5 – June 1

Celery Spinach Cucumber Summer squash Dry beans Sweet corn Snap beans <u>Group D: Very Tender</u>

Plant when the soil is warm, about two weeks after "C" group. Average Planting Date: May 20 – June 10

Cantaloupe Pumpkin Eggplant Tomato Lima beans Watermelon Pepper Winter squash

Want all this information in an easy, printable list? Download it here.

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