

When to Start Planting – Northern Utah

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When to start planting your garden

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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.

City Average Last Frost*

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.

Group C: Tender

Average Planting Date: May 5 – June 1

Celery
Spinach
Cucumber
Summer squash
Dry beans
Sweet corn
Snap beans

Group D: Very Tender

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](#).

Interested in a user-friendly, 100+ page guide to successful vegetable and fruit production in Utah? Check out “A Guide to Common Gardening Questions” at: extension.cart.usu.edu.



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