

2024 Growing Calendar – Fruit & Vegetables

WHEN WHAT TO DO

JAN

- Jan Mar Blackcurrants prune
- Jan Mar Gooseberries prune
- Jan Mar Red / whitecurrant prune
- January Save inner cardboard tubes from toilet rolls for runner beans etc
- January Apple plant trees
- January Apple prune trees
- January Pear plant trees
- January Pear prune trees
- Week 2 Shallot plant sets in 8cm pots in protected position
- Week 3 Buy or borrow a soil testing kit (Brussels sprouts etc.)
- Week 3 Add lime if necessary to reduce soil acidity (Brussels sprouts etc)

FEB

- February Apple plant trees
- February Apple prune trees
- February Pear plant trees
- February Pear prune trees
- Week 1 2 Leek sow seed under glass / indoors
- Week 1 Onions Seeds sow under glass / indoors
- Week 1 Cauliflower (early summer) sow seed indoors
- Week 2 Broccoli (sprouting) early varieties begin harvest
- Week 3 Potatoes- chit / sprout seed potatoes
- Week 3 Cauliflower (summer) prepare ground
- Week 3 Cauliflower (autumn) prepare ground
- Week 4 Broad Beans sow seeds in pots for spring planting
- Week 4 Broccoli (sprouting) late varieties begin harvest
- Week 4 Celery sow seeds indoors
- Week 4 Sweet pepper sow seeds
- Week 4 Peas / mangetout Sow early types under cloches
- Late Feb Asparagus prepare ground for crowns

MARCH

March Apple - plant trees

March Apple - prune trees

- March Pear plant trees
- March Pear prune trees
- Week 1 Asparagus sow seeds inside
- Week 1 Broad Beans sow seeds outside in spring
- Weeks 1 2 Carrot sow seed of early varieties under cloches
- Weeks 1 2 Leek thin seedlings sown in containers
- Week 1 Squash / pumpkins prepare soil
- Week 2 Brussels Sprouts sow seed of early varieties
- Week 2 Garlic plant in late winter / spring
- Week 2 Peas / mangetout start to sow seeds of early types outdoors
- Week 2 Rhubarb start to harvest
- Week 2 Tomatoes sow seed inside
- Week 3 Asparagus apply spring fertiliser
- Week 3 Cauliflower (early summer) harden off
- Week 3 Jerusalem Artichoke plant tubers
- Week 3 Kohlrabi sow seeds indoors
- Week 3 Spring Onions start to sow fortnightly
- Week 3 Peas / mangetout sow maincrop seeds outdoors
- Week 3 Spinach sow seed outside
- Week 4 Beetroot sow seeds under cloches
- Week 4 Broad Beans transplant pot grown plants to open ground
- Week 4 Brussels Sprouts thin seedlings as they appear
- Week 4 Cauliflower (early summer) plant out
- Week 4 Lettuce start sowing seed outside every two weeks
- Week 4 Onions sow seed outdoors
- Week 4 Potatoes plant out sprouted sets
- Week 4 Sweet Peppers pot up

APRIL

- April on Asparagus harvest when 15cm high
- April Blackcurrants mulch
- April Gooseberries mulch
- April to May Peach protect blossom from frost
- April to May Peach spring prune after blossoms fade
- April Red / whitecurrant mulch
- Week 1 Asparagus Crowns plant outside
- Week 1 Brussels Sprouts Sow seed of mid to late varieties
- Week 1 Cabbage (summer) sow seeds indoors
- Week 1 Kohlrabi sow seeds outside
- Week 1 Mustard sow seed outdoors for seeds
- Week 1 Onion Sets plant
- Week 1 Onion Sets protect from birds for 5 weeks
- Week 1 Radish sow seed under cloches
- Week 1 Shallot plant sets outside (18cm / 7in apart)
- Week 1 Shallot protect from birds for 5 weeks
- Week 1 Turnip start to sow seed outdoors
- Week 1 Spinach sow seed inside
- Week 1 Swiss Chard sow outdoors with cloche protection

- Week 1 2 Carrot remove cloches from early sown varieties Week 1 - 2 Carrot - sow early seed varieties in open Week 1 - 2 Strawberries - buy and plant potted plants Week 2 Beetroot - sow seed in pots indoors Week 2 Broccoli (sprouting) early varieties - sow under cover Week 2 Leek - sow seed outside in a temporary seed bed Week 2 Salsify - sow seeds Week 2 Tomatoes - pot-up young plants Week 2 Squash / pumpkins - sow seed indoors Week 3 Broccoli (sprouting) early varieties - sow seed bed Cabbage (summer) - sow outdoors Week 3 Calabrese (sometimes called broccoli) - sow seed Week 3 Cauliflower (summer) - weekly feed Week 3 Week 3 Courgette - sow seeds indoors Week 3 Cucumber (ridge) - sow seeds indoors Kohlrabi - harden off seedlings Week 3 Lettuce - begin to thin seedlings, distance by variety Week 3 Week 3 Onion seeds - harden off seedlings Week 3 Radish - sow seed outside Week 3 Sweetcorn - sow seed indoors / greenhouse Week 3 Swiss Chard - sow seed outdoors no protection Week 4 Beetroot - sow seed outside Broccoli (sprouting) late varieties - sow under cover Week 4 Week 4 French Beans - sow seeds under cloches French Beans - sow seeds in pots indoors Week 4 Week 4 Kohlrabi - plant out in final position Week 4 Leek - harden off container grown seedlings Parsnip - sow seed outside Week 4 Week 4 Spinach - plant out seed sown indoors
- Week 4 Spinach thin out previously sown seedlings
- Week 4 Sweetcorn sow seed under cloches
- Week 4 Turnip thin seedlings 15cm earlies, 25cm maincrops

MAY

- Week 1 Broccoli (sprouting) late varieties sow seed bed
- Week 1 Cabbage (summer) plant out indoor sown plants
- Week 1 Celery plant out
- Week 1 Cucumber (ridge) sow seed under cloches outside
- Week 1 Kale (curly) sow in pots or seed bed
- Week 1 Runner Beans sow seed in pots indoors
- Week 1 Runner Beans sow seed under cloches
- Week 1 Tomatoes begin to harden off
- Week 1 2 Carrot sow maincrop seed
- Week 1 2 Leek transplant container grown seedlings to final position
- Week 2 Beetroot plant out seedlings sown in pots indoors
- Week 2 French Beans sow seed outside
- Week 2 French Beans harden off seedlings
- Week 2 Jerusalem Artichoke erect supports

- Week 2 Leek thin seedlings from seeds sown outdoors
- Week 2 Onion plant out seedlings
- Week 2 Potatoes nitrogen feed fortnightly
- Week 2 Rhubarb apply mulch
- Week 2 Squash / pumpkins harden off
- Week 2 Strawberries mulch around plants
- Week 3 Beetroot thin out seedlings
- Week 3 Brussels Sprouts transplant
- Week 3 Cabbage (spring) harvest
- Week 3 Cauliflower (autumn) sow seed in pots
- Week 3 Courgette Harden off indoor grown plants
- Week 3 Cucumber (ridge) Harden off indoor grown plants
- Week 3 French Beans plant out seedlings sown in pots indoors
- Week 3 Runner Beans harden off seedlings
- Week 3 Swede sow seed outdoors
- Week 3 Sweetcorn plant out seedlings sown in pots indoors
- Week 3 Sweet potato put slips in pots indoors
- Week 3 Swiss Chard thin out seedlings
- Week 4 Courgettes plant out
- Week 4 Leek buy seedlings and plant outside
- Week 4 onwards Onions water in dry conditions
- Week 4 Parsnip thin seedlings to 15cm / 6in apart
- Week 4 Peas / mangetout harvest early types started off under cloches
- Week 4 Radish begin to harvest
- Week 4 Runner Beans sow seed outside
- Week 4 Runner Beans plant out seedlings sown in pots indoors
- Week 4 onwards Shallot water in dry conditions
- Week 4 Squash / pumpkins plant out
- Week 4 Tomatoes plant out

JUNE

- June Blackcurrants water
- June Gooseberries water
- June Red / whitecurrant water
- Week 1 Asparagus stop harvesting
- Week 1 Cucumber (ridge) plant out (grown indoors / shop bought)
- Week 1 Carrot (early) harvest those sown under cloches
- Week 1 Cucumber (ridge) plant out (grown indoors / shop bought)
- Week 1 Lettuce begin to harvest
- Week 1 Peas / mangetout harvest early types sown outdoors
- Week 1 Sweet Peppers harden off
- Week 2 Broad Beans begin to harvest
- Week 2 Cauliflower (summer) begin to harvest
- Week 2 Kale (curly) transplant to final position
- Week 2 Plum prune from now to mid July
- Week 2 Potatoes potash feed fortnightly
- Week 2 Swede thin seedlings in stages to 25cm apart
- Week 2 Sweet Pepper move to final position

- Week 2 Sweet potato plant outdoors in final position
- Week 2 Turnip begin to harvest
- Week 3 on Carrot harvest as they become ready
- Week 3 Cauliflower (autumn) plant outside
- Week 3 Cucumber (ridge) prune main stem
- Week 3 Spinach havest spring grown leaves
- Week 4 Cauliflower (autumn) begin weekly feed
- JULY
- Week 1 Broccoli (sprouting) early varieties from cover plant final position
- Week 1 Kale (rape) sow in final position
- Week 1 Shallot harvest some for immediate use
- Week 1 Shallot stop watering
- Week 1 Swiss Chard begin to harvest
- Week 2 Broccoli (sprouting) early varieties from seed bed plant final
- position
- Week 2 Broccoli (sprouting) late varieties from cover plant final position
- Week 2 Courgettes begin to harvest
- Week 2 Potatoes plant sets for autumn harvest
- Week 3 Broccoli (sprouting) late varieties from seed bed plant final
- position
- Week 3 Cucumber (ridge) begin to harvest
- Week 3 Jerusalem Artichoke cut stem to 1.5m high
- Week 3 Mustard harvest seeds
- Week 3 Onions stop watering
- Week 3 Peas / mangetout (maincrop) harvest
- Week 3 Shallot harvest / dry out for storage
- Week 4 Beetroot begin to harvest
- Week 4 Cabbage (spring) sow (pots / temporary bed)
- Week 4 Kohlrabi sow seed for autumn crop
- Week 4 French Beans (dwarf) begin to harvest
- Week 4 Sweetcorn begin to harvest

AUG

- Week 1 Garlic begin to harvest
- Week 1 Onions begin to harvest
- Week 2 Celery begin to harvest
- Week 2 French Beans begin to harvest climbing / pole
- Week 2 Runner Beans begin to harvest
- Week 3 Calabrese (sometimes called broccoli) harvest
- Week 3 Leek begin to earth up
- Week 3 Raspberries (summer fruiting) prune
- Week 4 on Leek continue earthing up

SEP

Sept- Nov Blackcurrants - take cuttings

- Sept- Nov Gooseberries take cuttings September Peach - autumn prune after harvest
- Sept- Nov Red / whitecurrant take cuttings
- Week 1 Cabbage (summer) begin to harvest
- Week 2 Cabbage (spring) transplant
- Week 2 Parsnips begin to harvest
- Week 2 Spinach sow in autumn

Mid month Autumn Onion Sets - plant

- Week 3 Swede begin to harvest (through to early Jan)
- Week 4 Jerusalem Artichoke cut stem to 15cm high

OCT

- October Asparagus cut down when foliage yellows
- Week 2 Blackberries prune when fruting is complete
- Week 2 Salsify begin to harvest
- Week 2 Strawberries buy runners
- Week 2 Sweet Potato harvest before frost damages tubers
- Week 3 Cauliflower (autumn) begin to harvest
- Week 3 Squash / pumpkins take indoors to cure
- Week 3 Broad Beans sow seeds outside for an early crop
- Week 4 Kale begin to harvest
- Week 4 on Leek begin to harvest
- Week 4 Rhubarb plant crowns up to end of February
- Week 4 Spinach (autumn sown) begin to harvest

NOV

November Peach - plant bare-rooted trees

Nov to Feb Blackberries - buy and plant (up to end February)

Week 1 Jerusalem Artichoke - harvest into late winter

- Week 2 Squash / pumpkins start to use
- Week 3 Brussels Sprouts begin to harvest
- Week 3 Garlic autumn planting
- Week 4 Plum plant trees from now to early March

DEC

- December Apple plant trees
- December Apple prune trees
- December Pear plant trees

December Pear - prune trees

- Dec Mar Blackcurrants buy and plant (up to end February)
- Dec Mar Gooseberries buy and plant (up to end February)
- Dec Mar Raspberries buy and plant (up to end February)
- Dec Feb Raspberries (autumn fruiting) prune
- Dec Mar Red / whitecurrant buy and plant

CROP ROTATION PLOT 1 Broad Beans French Beans **Runner Beans** Peas / mangetout Sweet Potatoes **CROP ROTATION PLOT 2** Broccoli Sprouting - Sprouting **Brussels Sprouts** Calabrese Cabbage - Spring Cabbage - Summer Cauliflower early summer Cauliflower early autumn Kale Kohlrabi Mustard Spinach Swede Swiss Chard Turnips **CROP ROTATION PLOT 3** Potatoes Tomatoes Sweet Peppers **CROP ROTATION PLOT 4** Beetroot Carrots Celery Garlic Leeks **Onions Sets Onions Seeds** Parsnips Salsify Shallot **ANYWHERE / PERMANENT** Asparagus Courgettes Cucumbers - ridge Squashes and pumpkins Lettuce Radish Rhubarb

Sweetcorn

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