

Vegetable Gardening Planting Schedule for Door County

These recommended planting dates are only estimates. The average last frost date (36°F or lower in the spring) is based on historical climate data recorded at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station in Sturgeon Bay. A late frost could occur late May or even early June. Also, you should consider microclimates on your property as well as air temperatures and soil temperatures. Watch the weather and plan accordingly. You may need to delay planting by days or weeks if it is cold or we have a late spring.

SPRING PLANTING - Based on average last frost date of May 21

In late February, sow these seeds indoors:

celery onions leeks

In late March or early April, sow these seeds indoors:

eggplant parsley cole crops: broccoli, cauliflower, early
head lettuce peppers cabbage, collards, kale

In mid- to late April, sow these seeds indoors:

tomatoes

In mid-May, sow these seeds indoors:

Brussels sprouts melons cucumbers
squashes pumpkins

In mid-May, sow these seeds directly into the garden (min. soil temp = 40°F):

beets collards mustard greens potato tubers
Brussels sprouts kale onion sets radishes
carrots kohlrabi parsnips spinach
chard leaf lettuce peas turnips

In mid-May, transplant these plants into the garden:

broccoli collards leeks
early cabbage kale onions
cauliflower head lettuce parsley

In late May or early June, sow these seeds directly into the garden (min soil temp = 60°F):

beans Lima beans squashes
cucumbers okra sweet corn
late cabbage pumpkins watermelon

In late May or early June, transplant these plants into the garden (min soil temp = 60-65°F and min night temps = 50-55°F)

celery peppers tomatoes
eggplant pumpkins

In late June or early July, transplant these plants into the garden: Brussels sprouts*

*Brussels sprouts are a fall crop in Wisconsin (<https://extension.umn.edu/vegetables/growing-brussels-sprouts#starting-seeds-indoors-229360>)

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These recommended planting dates are only estimates. The average first frost date (36°F or lower in the fall) is based on historical climate data recorded at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station in Sturgeon Bay. An early frost could occur in mid- to late September. Also, consider microclimates on your property. Additionally, some vegetables can handle frost while others will be killed by a frost. Consider extending your harvest by protecting crops with a row cover if an early frost is forecast. Watch the weather and plan accordingly.

Always consider the days to maturity for your specific varieties to confirm they will mature prior to our first frost.

FALL PLANTING - Based on average first frost date of October 2

July 1st is the last date for planting...

Seeds:

broccoli	late cabbage
cauliflower	Chinese (napa) cabbage

July 15th is the last date for planting...

Seeds:

bush beans	kohlrabi
carrots	head lettuce
collards	peas
cucumbers	squashes
kale	

Transplants:

broccoli
late cabbage
cauliflower
Chinese (napa) cabbage
onion plants

August 15th is the last date for planting...

Seeds:

beets
chard
leaf lettuce
mustard greens
spinach
turnips

Transplants:

onion sets
kohlrabi

September 1st is the last date for planting....

Seeds: radishes

References:

Average frost dates: <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/services/data/v1?dataset=normals-annualseasonal-1991-2020&startDate=0001-01-01&endDate=9996-12-31&stations=USC00478267&format=pdf>

Growing guides: <https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/vegetables#vegetables-a-z-2396210> and <https://ncmg.ucanr.org/files/164282.pdf>

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