

We're Here to Help!

The staff at Phelan Gardens has been helping gardeners in Colorado Springs for many years. If you need vegetable starts, seeds, fertilizer, soil amendments, or some advice, come see us. We sell short-season vegetable varieties that do well in this region and strive to adjust our varieties according to customer feedback.

For assistance, stop by Phelan Gardens. We are open seven days a week.



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Vegetable Planting Guideline



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Farm Fresh Produce Begins at Home

Vegetable gardening can be a rewarding and productive hobby if you follow a few simple guidelines listed below.

Site Selection and Soil Preparation

Choose a site that receives 6-8 hours of direct sun.

Amend your soil with compost or aged manure every year and dig/till to a depth of at least 6 inches...or use a raised bed to grow your crop. Keep weeds in check throughout the season. Base your fertilizer application on the specific crop you'd like to grow.

Pick Varieties for our Region

Our season is relatively short. So, you will have the most success by choosing varieties that have the shortest maturity date.

Timing

There are basically two types of vegetable crops, cool season and warm season. Cool season varieties will be able to withstand cold temperatures if they are first hardened off. So, you will be able to plant them earlier. However, warm season varieties will require consistent night time temperatures of at least 50 degrees and warm soil. You can use a warming system, such as a "Wall O Water" to extend your season for these types of veggies. However, you may find buying plants will give you a jump start to a quicker to harvest.

The dates at the right are based on frost dates for a location equivalent to downtown Colorado Springs. For example, if you live at an elevation of 6000 feet, your approximate last killing frost is May 15. Your average first killing frost in the fall is October 10. To get the approximate frost dates (and recommended planting times) for your location, you must first know your elevation. Then, add (or subtract) one day for every 100 foot change in elevation for your area.

May you reap the rewards of a plentiful harvest!

VEGETABLE	Start Seed Indoors Date	Outdoor Transplant Date	Outdoor Direct Seed Sow Date
Beans			May 15
Beets			April 15/Aug 15 for 2nd crop
Broccoli	March 1	April 15	June 1 for 2nd crop
Brussels Sprouts	March 1	May 1	
Cabbage	March 1	April 15	July 15 for 2nd crop
Carrots	Not recommended	n/a	Late April
Cauliflower	March 1	April 15	July 23 for 2nd crop
Celery	February 15	June 1	Not recommended
Chard			April 15
Collards	March 1	April 15	May 15
Corn			May 23
Cucumbers	April 15	May 23	May 23
Eggplant	March 25	June 1	Not recommended
Kohlrabi	April 1	May 15	July 15 for 2nd crop
Leeks	February 15	May 1	Not recommended
Lettuce	April 1	April 23	April 1/August for 2nd crop
Onion seed	March 1	May 15	
Onion sets		April 1	
Peas			April 1
Peppers	March 15	June 1	Not recommended
Seed Potatoes		April 1	
Pumpkins			May 23
Radishes			April 15
Spinach	March 1	April 15	April 1
Squash	April 1	May 23	May 23
Tomatoes	March 15	May 23	Not recommended