

HERB GARDEN GROWING GUIDE

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| <u>Plant Name</u> | <u>Life Cycle</u> | Start Indoors How soon before transplanting out? | When To Transplant Outside | When To Direct Seed | Succession Planting | Seeding Depth | Plant Spacing | Row Spacing | Special Considerations |
| Angelica | Perennial | 4 - 6 Weeks | In Spring, after last frost | Ideally direct sow in Fall | N/A | Barely cover & tamp down. | 24 - 36" | 24" | Keep seeds in fridge until planting. Seeds require light & 3 weeks of fluctuating temps to germinate. *Some people experience skin irritation.* |
| Anise | Annual | 4 - 6 Weeks | After last frost. | After last frost. | × | 1/4" | 6" | 18" | |
| Anise Hyssop | Perennial | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Barely cover & tamp down. | 6 - 12" | 18" | |
| Basil | Annual | 6 - 8 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/8 - 1/4" | 12 - 18" | 18 - 24" | Pick off flowers to extend leaf production. |
| Burdock | Perennial | 2 - 3 Weeks | After last frost. | After last frost. | × | 3/4" | 2 - 3" | 24" | |
| Caraway | Biennial | × | × | After last frost. | × | 1/4" | 4 - 8" | 18" | Biennial - Seeds are produced in year #2 |
| Celery | Tender Biennial | 10 - 12 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/8" | 6 - 8" | 18-24" | Requires consistent moisture. Biennial & can bolt if temps drop below 13°C for 10 days or more. |
| Chervil | Annual | × | × | As soon as soil is workable. | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 6" | 12" | Requires light to germinate; barely cover with soil. Grow in partial shade; will bolt in high heat. |
| Chicory | Biennial | × | × | After last frost. | × | 1/4" | 8 - 12" | 12 - 18" | |
| Chives, Garlic | Perennial | × | × | As soon as soil is workable. | × | 1/4" | 1" | Best planted in a block. | |
| Chives, Onion | Perennial | × | × | As soon as soil is workable. | × | 1/4 - 1/2" | 1/2 - 1" | Best planted in a block. | |
| Cilantro | Annual | × | × | After last frost. | Every 3 Weeks | 1/4 - 1/2" | 4" | 12" | Avoid over-watering. |
| Culantro | Biennial | 8 Weeks | 2 Weeks after last frost. | 2 Weeks after last frost. | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 8 - 12" | 18" | Seeds require warm soil to germinate. Heat mats recommended. Be especially careful with roots when transplanting. |
| Cumin | Annual | × | × | After last frost. | × | 1/4" | 4 - 6" | Best planted in a block. | |
| Dill | Annual | × | × | As soon as soil is workable. | Every 3 weeks (greens) | 1/8 - 1/4" | 1-2" | 4 - 8" | |
| Fennel | Annual | 4 - 6 Weeks | Mid-Spring | Mid-Spring | × | 1/4" | 6" | 18" | |
| Lavender | Perennial | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 12 - 18" | 18 - 24" | Seed require 6 weeks in fridge. Gently scarify seeds with sand paper. Seeds require light to germinate. |
| Lemonbalm | Perennial | 6 - 8" | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 12" | 18" | Seeds require light to germinate. |
| Lemongrass | Annual | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/4" | 4 - 6" | 6 - 8" | |
| Lovage | Perennial | 6 - 8 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/4" | 18" | 36" | Perennial. |
| Marjoram | Tender Perennial | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 6 - 8" | 18" | Seeds require light for germination. |
| Mint | Perennial | 6 - 8 Weeks | As soon as soil is workable. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | N/A | NA | Plant away from your garden in a mint patch, pot or planter. Spreads easily. |
| Okihijiki (Saltwort) | Annual | × | × | Spring - Mid-Summer | × | 1/8 - 1/4" | 1 - 3" | 12 - 18" | |
| Onions, Green | Perennial | 6 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | As soon as soil is workable. | × | 1/4" | 2 - 4" | 12" | Thin transplants to 1 plant per cell. |
| Oregano | Perennial | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 12" | 18" | Seeds require light for germination. |
| Parsley | Biennial | 4 - 6 Weeks | After last frost. | After last frost. | × | 1/4" | 8 - 12" | 18" | |
| Purslane | Annual | 4 - 6 Weeks | After last frost. | After last frost. | × | 1/8 - 1/4" | 6 - 8" | 12 - 18" | |

| Rosemary | Tender Perennial | 10 - 12 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 10" | 18 - 36" | Seeds require light for germination. Tender perennial. Bring indoors for Winter survival. |
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| Sage, Broad Leaf | Perennial | 6 - 8 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/4" | 12" | 18" | Perennial in some parts of Canada. |
| Salsify | Biennial | × | × | Late Spring | × | 1/2" | 24" | 24" | Biennial. |
| Savoury, Summer | Annual | 6 - 8 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 8" | 12 - 18" | Heat mats recommended. Be careful with roots when transplanting. |
| Savoury, Winter | Perennial | 6 - 8 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 8" | 12 - 18" | Seeds require light to germinate. |
| Shiso | Tender Perennial | × | × | After last frost. | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 6" | 18" | Keep seeds in freezer for 3 weeks to improve germination. Seeds require light to germinate. |
| Sorrel | Perennial | × | × | Mid Spring | × | 1/4" | 8" | 12 - 18" | Prefers partial shade. |
| Stevia | Annual | 6 - 8 Weeks | 2 weeks after last frost. *Can't handle temps below 7°C* | × | × | Surface sow & tamp down. | 12" | 12 - 18" | Stevia seeds have a short shelf life - Plant within 6 months of receiving. |
| Tarragon, Russian | Perennial | 4 - 6 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/8 - 1/4" | 18" | 24" | |
| Thyme | Perennial | 8 - 10 Weeks | After last frost. | × | × | 1/8" | 8" | 12 -18" | |
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Thin all transplants to one plant per cell.

** Assume all vegetables require consistent watering, good to high soil fertility, weeding & pest management. **

*** If discrepancies arise between info on seed packets & this chart. Please use this chart. \heartsuit ***

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