

SEASONAL PLANTING GUIDE

2022 SPRING

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LET'S GROW TOGETHER

Getting ready for spring.

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As spring approaches, it is exciting to see gardeners come back to the nursery with new project ideas. Both new and seasoned gardeners can agree that tomatoes are essential to a spring veggie bed. Early spring is the best time to start these fast-growing fruits. Tomatoes come in a multitude of varieties and sizes, choosing the right one for your garden can be difficult. Let's break down the basics.



Picking the perfect time to start your spring tomatoes can be challenging. If you did not start your seedlings yet, then late February into March are a great time to purchase plants at your local nursery. Tomatoes like

warm days and cool nights. Fruiting continues as long as nighttime temperatures remain under 75 degrees. Be sure to move plants inside, or cover snugly, when temperatures drop below 50 degrees.



Tomatoes can be either determinate or indeterminate. If space is a concern in your garden, it is important to know the difference. Determinate (or bush) tomatoes grow to a specific size, usually 3 to 5 feet. The fruit on determinate varieties is usually ready to harvest around the same time. Indeterminate varieties keep growing (vining) until they are pulled up or at the end of the growing season. They can grow to be 6 to 12 feet and will need strong support. Indeterminate tomatoes can continue to set and grow fruit throughout the growing season.

Location, location, location! Tomatoes love spring sunshine and do best with 8 hours of direct sun per day. Pick a warm sunny spot for

your tomatoes with well-draining soil with plenty of rich organic material. High quality compost is the best source of organic matter and works together with a granular organic fertilizer. Tomatoes are heavy feeders and will perform best when fed regularly. Choose an organic fertilizer that is high in phosphorus (the middle number) to help it flower and produce fruit.



If this is your first spring growing tomatoes, have fun and learn from your experiences. If you are an old pro, have fun and share your experiences with someone new. Let's grow together!



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SPRING PLANTING GUIDE

CROP	MAR	APR	MAY	CROP	MAR	APR	MAY
AMARANTH			✱ ✱	LUFFA/SEED, PLANT, SPROUT			✱ ✱
ARTICHOKE, GLOBE/PLANT	✱ ✱			MALABAR SPINAC/SEED, PLANT			✱ ✱
ARUGULA/SEED	✱ ✱		🌱 🌱	MILLET, PROSO/SEED			✱ ✱
BASIL/TRANSPLANT	✱ ✱		✱ ✱	MINT/PLANT	✱		
BASIL/SEED, PLANT		✱ ✱ ✱		NEW ZEALAND SPINACH/SEED, PLANT			✱ ✱
BEAN, ADZUKI/SEED			🌱 🌱	OKRA/SEED, TRANSPLANT, PLANT			✱ ✱
BEAN, MUNG/SEED			✱ ✱	OREGANO, ALL/PLANT	✱ ✱	🌱 🌱	
BEAN, EDAMAME/SEED		✱	🌱 🌱	OREGANO, CUBAN/PLANT			✱ ✱
BEAN, LIMA/SEED	✱ ✱			OREGANO, EURO/PLANT			🌱 🌱
BEAN, SNAP STRING/SEED	✱ ✱			PEA, PIGEON/SEED			✱ ✱
BEAN, YARD LONG/SEED	🌱 🌱	✱ ✱	✱ ✱	PEA, SOUTHERN/SEED	🌱 🌱	✱ ✱	✱ ✱
BITTERMELON/SEED		✱	✱ ✱	PEANUT/SEED		✱ ✱	✱ ✱
BOK CHOY/TRANSPLANT, PLANT, SEED	✱ ✱			PEPPER, ALL/TRANSPLANT, PROTECTED PLANT	✱	🌱	
BUCKWHEAT/SEED	✱		✱ ✱	PEPPER, ALL/TRANSPLANT, PLANT	✱	🌱 🌱	
CANTALOUPE/TRANSPLANT, PLANT		✱	🌱 🌱	PEPPERCORN, BLACK/PLANT			✱
CHAYOTE/FRUIT	✱ ✱			PUMPKIN, (MOSCHATOR)/TRANSPLANT, SEED		🌱 🌱	✱
CILANTRO/SEED, TRANSPLANT	✱			RICE/PLANT, SEED			✱
CORN/SPROUT, SEED	✱		✱	ROSELLE JAMAIC/SEED, TRANSPLANT, PLANT			✱
CRANBERRY HIBISCUS/SEED, PLANT			✱ ✱	SNAKE GOURD, LAO/SEED			✱ ✱
CUCUMBER/SEED		✱ ✱ ✱	✱ ✱ ✱	SORGHUM, GRAIN/SEED			✱ ✱ ✱
CULANTRO/PLANT OR SEED			✱ ✱	SQUASH/TRANSPLANT, SEED, SPROUT, PLANT		🌱 🌱	✱
CUMIN/SEED			✱ ✱	SUNFLOWER, SEED			🌱 🌱
EGGPLANT/PLANT			✱	SWEET POTATO/PLANT, TRANSPLANT			🌱 🌱
EPAZOTE/SEED, PLANT	✱ ✱		✱ ✱	TINDORA (IVY GOURD) /PLANT		🌱	✱
GINGER/GALANGAL/ROOT, PLANT			✱ ✱	TOMATILLO/TRANSPLANT, SEED, PLANT			✱ ✱
GROUND CHERRY/SEED			✱ ✱	TOMATO, PLANT	🌱		
JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE	✱			WATERMELON/TRANSPLANT, SEED, PLANT		✱	
KANGKOND/SEED			✱ ✱	YACON/TUBER	✱ ✱		
LEMONGRASS/PLANT			✱				

KEY ✱ Best time to plant 🌱 Will be successful some years 🌱 Best time to start a transplant in a pot at proper temperatures

Dr. Bob Randall has revised his planting guidelines to reflect climate change and increase in temperatures. The chart above reflects these changes in Central Houston. For all other zones see Year-Round Food Gardening for Houston and Southeast Texas. Reprinted by Permission © R. Randall 2019. Available for purchase. Contact our office for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Volunteers make our mission possible. Dig in with us at our monthly Dig It Days!

- Saturday, March 5; 9am to Noon**
Gregory Lincoln Education Center
- Saturday, April 2; 9am to Noon**
In gardens across Houston
- Saturday, April 9; 9am to Noon**
Garden Oaks Montessori
Gregory Lincoln Education Center



Scan the QR Code to learn more about each of our volunteer opportunities and to sign up.

PERMACULTURE

Learn to utilize the natural landscape to create abundance and efficiency.

Restoring Nature

Explore restoration and its implications for sustaining our planet.
Sundays, March 27-April 24; 1:00pm – 5:00pm

FEBRUARY

How to Grow Roses: The Secrets to Success Presented by Buchanan's
Saturday, February 26; 10:00am – 11:00am
Buchanan's Native Plants



Urban Harvest

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MARCH

In the Garden

Tomato and Spring Vegetable Planting
Tuesday, March 1; 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Urban Harvest Teaching Garden

In The Garden –

Fruit Tree Care, Pruning & Grafting
Saturday, March 5; 9:00am – 11:00am
Lantrip ES School Orchard

How to Make a Garden – And Eat It, Too!

Wednesday, March 9; 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Houston Botanic Gardens

Organic Gardening and Spring Preparation

Saturday, March 12; 9:30am - 11:30am
Zoom

Benefits and Intro to Horticulture Therapy

Saturday, March 19; 10:00am – 11:00am; Zoom

APRIL

An Edible Eden –

Turning Your Landscape Into A Foodscape
Saturday, April 9; 9:30am – 11:30am
Zoom

Edible Academy –

Spring Gardening and Nutrition Education
Saturday, April 9; 9:00am – Noon
Gregory-Lincoln EC (GLEC)

Earth Day Celebration –

Urban Composting for Small Spaces
Tuesday, April 12; 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Urban Harvest Teaching Garden

Nine Natives Program – Creating Simple

Gardens with Native Prairie Plants
Tuesday, April 19; 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Houston Botanic Gardens

Supper Club: Steamworks

Thursday, April 21; See Events Page for Details

Earth Day Celebration – The Wormery

Tuesday, April 26; 5:00pm – 6:00pm; Zoom

MAY

Cultural Connections: Backyard Gardens in the

Vietnamese Community

Tuesday, May 3; 7:00 – 8:00pm; Zoom

Going Native – A Garden Transformation

Wednesday, May 11; 6:00pm – 7:00pm; Zoom

Square Foot Gardening Not By The Book

Saturday, May 14; 9:30am – 11:30am; Zoom

FARMERS MARKETS

URBAN HARVEST MOBILE MARKET

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www.urbanharvest.org

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

LBJ Hospital Community Farm

1st and 3rd Saturdays; 9:00am to Noon
5425 Troost Street

URBAN HARVEST FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday; 8:00am to Noon
2752 Buffalo Speedway

CHEF'S CORNER – March 12 and May 14

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL + PLANT SWAP – April 9



Urban Harvest Farmers Market
Saturday, April 9 from 8:00am – Noon



No. 2, April 21, Tickets on sale March 14