



ZONE 8 PLANTING CALENDAR

**Best Crops, Key
Planting Dates, and
Year-Round Tips**

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BEST GARDEN
NOW!**



RBAN OFFICE PLANT

Zone 8 Planting Calendar: Vegetables

Vegetable	Zone 8a Planting Dates	Zone 8b Planting Dates	Notes
Tomatoes	Indoors: Late Jan – Feb	Indoors: Early Feb – Mid Feb	Transplant outdoors after frost danger passes. Use frost protection if needed.
Peppers	Indoors: Late Jan – Early Feb	Indoors: Feb	Transplant when the soil warms up. Ideal for succession planting.
Carrots	Outdoors: Feb – Apr, Aug – Sep	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Aug – Oct	Best in well-drained soil. Mulch to maintain cool soil.
Lettuce	Outdoors: Jan – Apr, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Jan – Apr, Oct – Nov	Ideal for succession planting throughout the growing season.
Cucumbers	Outdoors: Mar – May, Aug – Sep	Outdoors: Feb – May, Sep	Use trellises for better air circulation and space efficiency.
Spinach	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Oct – Nov	Prefers cooler weather; consider fall and winter planting.
Green Beans	Outdoors: Apr – Jul	Outdoors: Mar – Jul	Succession plant every 2-3 weeks for continuous harvests.
Onions	Outdoors: Nov – Feb	Outdoors: Nov – Jan	Use sets or transplants for faster growth.
Broccoli	Indoors: Jan – Feb, Outdoors: Sep – Dec	Indoors: Feb, Outdoors: Sep – Dec	Requires consistent watering; consider frost protection in Zone 8a.
Squash (Summer)	Outdoors: Mar – Jun	Outdoors: Feb – Jun	Provide plenty of space for spreading vines.
Sweet Corn	Outdoors: Mar – May	Outdoors: Feb – May	Plant in blocks for better pollination.
Beets	Outdoors: Feb – Apr, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Jan – Apr, Sep – Nov	Mulch for cooler soil and better growth.
Kale	Outdoors: Jan – Apr, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Sep – Dec	Tolerates frost; great for fall and winter planting.



Zone 8 Planting Calendar: Fruits, Flowers, and Herbs

Plant	Zone 8a Planting Dates	Zone 8b Planting Dates	Notes
Papayas	Indoors: Feb – Mar	Indoors: Jan – Feb	Warm-weather fruit; needs plenty of sun and well-drained soil.
Strawberries	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Jan – Mar, Sep – Nov	Mulch to protect roots from temperature fluctuations.
Blueberries	Outdoors: Jan – Mar	Outdoors: Jan – Mar	Plant with acidic soil. Mulch and protect from birds.
Roses	Outdoors: Mar – May, Sep – Nov	Outdoors: Feb – May, Sep – Nov	Plant in well-drained soil and full sun for best blooms.
Lavender	Outdoors: Mar – May	Outdoors: Feb – May	Prefers well-drained soil and full sun. Tolerates drought well.
Basil	Outdoors: Apr – Aug	Outdoors: Mar – Aug	Plant after the last frost. Great for succession planting in summer.
Marigolds	Outdoors: Mar – Jun	Outdoors: Feb – Jun	Ideal for companion planting to repel pests in the garden.
Sunflowers	Outdoors: Mar – Jun	Outdoors: Feb – Jun	Provide support for tall varieties. Blooms best in full sun.
Zinnias	Outdoors: Mar – Jul	Outdoors: Feb – Jul	Fast-growing, heat-tolerant flowers that thrive in full sun.
Thyme	Outdoors: Mar – Jul	Outdoors: Feb – Jul	Drought-tolerant herb that thrives in full sun and well-drained soil.
Oregano	Outdoors: Apr – Jul	Outdoors: Mar – Jul	Drought-tolerant; grows well in containers or garden beds.
Mint	Outdoors: Mar – Sep	Outdoors: Feb – Sep	Prefers partial shade and well-watered soil. Best in containers to prevent spreading.

