Recommended Planting Times and Vegetable Varieties for the North Olympic Peninsula

The following recommendations are based on experiences at Clallam County Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens. Performance of the recommended varieties and planting times can vary depending on specific garden conditions such as elevation, sun and wind exposure, and use of raised beds.

Suggested planting times are for planting outdoors without protection from cold. If plant covers are used (such as low tunnels or floating row covers), seeds and starts can sometimes be planted earlier than stated.

Planting starts (well-established seedlings), where appropriate, will usually provide a faster harvest. Not all vegetable types, however, transplant well. Starts are commonly used for Brassica family members (such as broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower), eggplants, leeks, peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

Type of vegetable		Recommended planting time	Locally recommended varieties
Arugula		March-June (seeds)	Astro, Esmee, Red Dragon
		July-September (seeds)	Dragon's Tongue, Roquette, Speedy, Sylvetta
Beans	Fava	November and February (seeds)	Broad Windsor, Vroma
	Bush	May* (seeds)	Provider
	Pole	May* (seeds)	Blue Lake, Fortex
Beets		March-May (seeds)	Bull's Blood, Detroit Dark Red, Spring Color Beet Blend
		July-early August (seeds)	Chioggia, Detroit Dark Red, Early Wonder Tall Top, Touchstone Gold
Broccoli		March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Aspabroc, Di Cicco, Gypsy, Thompson
		Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Aspabroc and Thompson; Purple Sprouting for overwintering
Brussels sprouts		May (seeds) June (starts)	Diablo, Falstaff Purple, Oliver
Cabbage		March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Caraflex, Golden Acre, Gonzales, Minuet, Parel, Tiara
		Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre, Gonzales; Dutch, Famosa, January King, Savoy, Storage No. 4 for overwintering
Carrots		April-May (seeds)	Danvers Half Long, Ingot, Mokum, Yaya
		Early July (seeds)	Bolero, Danvers Half Long, Red Core Chantenay
		Late August-September (seeds)	Autumn King (sow September) and Merida (sow late August) for overwintering
Cauliflower		March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Amazing, Snow Crown
		Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Amazing, Olympic
Chard		March-June (seeds)	Bright Lights, Golden, Perpetual, Rainbow Blend, Rhubarb
		Late July (seeds, starts)	Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Perpetual
		Late August (starts)	Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Perpetual for fall/winter harvest and overwintering
Corn		May-June*	Bodacious, Earlivee, Quickie, Seneca Horizon, Sugar Pearl White, Sugar and Gold
Cucumber		May-June* (seeds or starts)	Lemon, Marketmore 97, Pepinex
Eggplant		May-June* (starts)	Black King

Greens, Asian and Mustard		March-May (seeds)	Bok Choi, Ching Chiang, Hatakena, Komatsuna, Pac Choi, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
		July-September (seeds)	Hatakena, Mizuna, Pac Choi, Red Kingdom, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
Kale		March-May (starts) May (seeds)	Beira Tronchuda, Curled Scots, Dazzling Blue, Nero Di Toscana, Improved Dwarf Siberian, Red Russian, Red Ursa, Redbor
		Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Curled Scots, Nero Di Toscana, Red Russian for fall/winter harvest and overwintering
Leeks		March-May (starts)	King Richard, Pandora
		Early July (seeds) Late July-August (starts)	Bleu de Solaise, Giant Musselburgh, Lancelot, Zermatt
		September (seeds)	American Flag for overwintering
Lettuce		March-June (seeds)	Buttercrunch, Continuity, Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed, Little Gem, Merlot, Outredgeous, Parris Island Cos, Red Sails, Salad Bowl
		July-September (seeds)	Arctic Tundra Blend, Continuity, Rouge D'Hiver, Winter Density; Arctic King for overwintering
Onions, Bunching/Scallions		March-May (seeds)	Pacific Pearl, Red Guardsman
		August-September (seeds)	Pacific Pearl, Red Guardsman, White Bunching
Onions, Bulbing		March-May (seeds)	Ailsa Craig, Barolo, Patterson, Rossa di Milano, Walla Walla
		Early July (seeds)	Ailsa Craig, Patterson
		August-September (seeds)	Walla Walla for overwintering
Peas		March-May (seeds) Early July (seeds)	Alderman (shelling), Oregon Sugar Pea Pod II (snow), Super Sugar Snap (snap), Tom Thumb
		September (seeds)	Alaska (shelling), Avalanche (snow), Canoe (shelling), Cascadia (snap), Green Arrow (shelling) for overwintering
Peppers		May-June* (starts)	Carmen, California Wonder 300, Shishito, Wonder Bell
Potatoes		March-May (seed potatoes)	French Fingerling, Goldrush, Kerr's Pink, Nicola, Ozette, Purple Peruvian, Rose Thumb, Russet Norkotah, Russian Banana Fingerling
Radishes		March-May (seeds)	Cherry Belle, French Breakfast, German Giant, Starburst
		July-September (seeds)	China Rose, Dragon, Runder Schwarzer Winter; Daikon for overwintering
Spinach		March-June (seeds)	Olympia, Palco (slow bolting), Seaside
		July-September (seeds)	Bloomsdale Savoy, Giant Winter, Olympia
Squash	Summer	May-June* (seeds or starts)	Black Beauty Zucchini, Cavili, Latino, Bush Scallop, Round Zucchini, Superpik, Tromboncino
	Winter	May-June* (seeds or starts)	Butterbaby, Honey Boat Delicata, Table King Acorn, Vegetable Spaghetti, Waltham Butternut
Tomatoes		May-June* (starts)	Bloody Butcher, Early Girl, Oregon Spring, Stupice, Sun Gold
Turnips		March-April (seeds) July-early September (seeds)	Hakurei, Purple Top White Globe

*Plant when soil temperatures are at least 60 degrees.

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