

Planting Dates for Vegetable Crops in MD

| Crops | Spring Planting Dates ¹ | Fall Planting Dates ¹ | Feet of Row per Person | Seed or Plants per 100 ft of Row | Depth to Plant (Inches) ² | Planting Distances Between Rows (Inches) ³ | Planting Distances in Rows (Inches) |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Asparagus* | Mar 20-Apr 15 | | 20 | 100 crowns | 6-8 | 36-60 | 12-18 |
| Beans, Lima | May 10-June 10 | June 20-July 10 | 20 | 3/4 lb. | 1-1 1/2 | 30-36 | 3-4 |
| Beans, Snap | May 5-June 30 | July 1-Aug 5 | 20 | 3/4 lb. | 1-1 1/2 | 24-30 | 1-2 |
| Beets | Apr 1-June 15 | June 20-Aug 1 | 10 | 2 oz. | 1/2 | 15-24 | 2-3 |
| Broccoli* | Apr 1-May 1 | July 20-Aug 20 | 20 | 67 plants | 1/2 | 24-36 | 18-24 |
| Brussels sprouts* | Apr 1-May 1 | July 1-Aug 1 | 10 | 67 plants | 1/2 | 24-36 | 18-24 |
| Cabbage* | Mar 15-Apr 10 | July 10-Aug 20 | 15 | 100 plants | 1/2 | 24-36 | 12-18 |
| Cabbage, Chinese | Mar 15-May 1 | July 1-Aug 5 | 10 | 1 packet | 1/2 | 18-30 | 8-12 |
| Cantaloupes | May 15-June 15 | | 25 | 1/2 oz. | 1 | 60-72 | 24 |
| Carrots | Apr 10-June 1 | June 15-Aug 1 | 20 | 1/2 oz | 1/4 | 15-30 | 2-3 |
| Cauliflower* | Apr 1-May 1 | July 1-Aug 1 | 15 | 67 plants | 1/2 | 24-36 | 18-24 |
| Celery* | Apr 15-May 1 | June 1-July 20 | 10 | 300 plants | 1/8 | 18-36 | 4-6 |
| Chard, Swiss | Apr 15-June 15 | June 15-July 25 | 5 | 2 oz | 1/2 | 18-36 | 12-18 |
| Chives | Mar 20-Apr 20 | | | 1 packet | 1/2 | 15-24 | 2-4 |
| Collards* | Apr 1-June 1 | July 10-Aug 10 | 15 | 67 plants | 1/2 | 24-36 | 18-24 |
| Cress, Upland | Apr 10-May 10 | Sept 1-Oct 1 | | 1 packet | 1/4 | 15-30 | 2-3 |
| Cucumbers | May 10-June 1 | June 15-July 10 | 15 | 1/2 oz | 1 | 48-60 | 18 |
| Eggplants* | May 15-June 10 | | 6 | 67 plants | 1/4 | 30-42 | 24 |
| Endive | Apr 1-May 1 | July 10-Aug 20 | 10 | 1/4 oz | 1/4 | 18-36 | 12 |
| Garlic ⁴ | Mar 15-Apr 15 | Oct 15-Nov 15 | 10 | 400 cloves | 1-2 | 18-24 | 3 |
| Horseradish* | Apr 1-May 1 | | 5 | 67 roots | 2 | 18-36 | 12-18 |
| Kale | Apr 1-Apr 20 | July 10-Aug 10 | 15 | 1/4 oz | 1/2 | 18-36 | 8-12 |
| Kohlrabi | Apr 1-May 10 | July 10-Aug 10 | 10 | 1/4 oz | 1/2 | 18-36 | 4-6 |
| Leek | Apr 1-May 1 | | 3 | 1/4 oz | 1/2 | 12-30 | 2-3 |
| Lettuce, Head* | Apr 1-May 1 | Aug 1-Aug 15 | 10 | 100 plants | 1/4 | 18-30 | 12-18 |

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| Lettuce, Leaf | Mar 15-June 1 | July 15-Sept 1 | 15 | 1 packet | 1/4 | 12-18 | 8-12 |
| Lettuce, Romaine, Butterhead | April 1-May 15 | July 20-Sept 1 | 15 | 1 packet | 1/4 | 18-24 | 18-24 |
| Mustard | Apr 1-May 10 | July 20-Aug 20 | 15 | 1/4 oz | 1/4 | 18-24 | 12 |
| Okra | May 10-June 1 | | 10 | 2 oz | 1 | 36-48 | 12-18 |
| Onions* | Apr 1-May 1 | | 12 | 400 plants | | 15-24 | 3-4 |
| Onion, Seed | Mar 15-Apr 15 | | 12 | 1/2 oz | 1/2 | 15-24 | 3-4 |
| Onion, Sets | Mar 15-Apr 15 | | 12 | 2 lb | 1-2 | 15-24 | 3-4 |
| Onion, Multiplier (potato onion) | Oct 15-Nov 15 | | 10 | 2 lb | 1-2 | 15-24 | 6-8 |
| Parsley | Apr 1-May 1 | | 1 | 1 packet | 1/4 | 15-24 | 6-8 |
| Parsnips | Apr 1-May 1 | | 10 | 1 packet | 1/2 | 18-24 | 3-4 |
| Peas | Mar 15-May 1 | July 25-Aug 5 | 20 | 1/2 lb | 1-2 | 8-24 | 2-3 |
| Peas, Black-eye | May 15-June 1 | June 1-July 1 | 20 | 1/2 lb | 1 | 36 | 4 |
| Peppers* | May 15-June 10 | | 6 | 67 plants | 1/4 | 30-42 | 18-24 |
| Potatoes | Mar 20-May 10 | June 15-July 10 | 20 | 8 lbs | 4 | 30-36 | 12 |
| Pumpkins | May 20-June 10 | | 10 | 1 oz | 1 | 60-96 | 48-72 |
| Radishes | Mar 20-May 10 | July 20-Sept 15 | 10 | 1 oz | 1/2 | 12-24 | 1 |
| Rhubarb* | Mar 20-Apr 15 | Oct 15-Nov 15 | 10 | 33 roots | | 36-48 | 36-48 |
| Rutabagas | | July 1-Aug 1 | 10 | 1/2 oz | 1/4 | 18-30 | 3-4 |
| Salsify | Apr 1-May 15 | June 1-July 1 | 10 | 1 oz | 1/2 | 18-30 | 2-3 |
| Shallots | Apr 1-May 1 | Oct 15-Nov 15 | | 1 lb | 1-2 | 12-30 | 2-3 |
| Soybeans | May 15-June 15 | June 15-July 1 | 20 | 1 lb | 1-2 | 24-30 | 2 |
| Spinach | Mar 10 -Apr 20 | Aug 1-Sept 5 | 10 | 1 oz | 1/3 | 12-24 | 2-4 |
| Spinach, New Zealand | May 1-June 15 | June 15-July 20 | 5 | 1 oz | 1 | 30-42 | 15-18 |
| Squash, Summer | May 1-May 30 | June 1-June 15 | 6 | 1 oz | 1-2 | 48-60 | 18-24 |
| Squash, Winter | May 15-June 15 | | 15 | 1 oz | 1-2 | 60-84 | 36-48 |
| Sweet Corn | May 1-June 15 | June 15-July 10 | 50 | 1 oz | 1-2 | 30-36 | 10-12 |
| Sweet Potatoes* | May 20-June 10 | | 20 | 100 plants | | 30-42 | 12-15 |
| Tomatoes* | May 1-June 15 | June 15-July 5 | 10 | 67 plants | | 30-42 | 18-30 |
| Turnips | Mar 20-May 1 | July 10-Sept 1 | 15 | 1/2 oz | 1/4 | 18-30 | 2-3 |
| Watercress | Mar 20-May 1 | | | 300 plants | | 18-24 | 46 |
| Watermelon | May 15-June 15 | | 20 | 1 oz | 1-2 | 60-96 | 48-60 |

***Dates are for setting out transplants**

¹ Dates are for Central Maryland. Advance or delay planting dates accordingly for other areas of the state.

² A good rule of thumb is to plant seeds to a depth 2x their diameter. Seeds can be planted deeper in sandy soils and shallower in heavy clay soils.

³ Distance between rows can be reduced if rows are planted on a raised bed.

⁴ Garlic planted in the fall will out produce garlic planted in the spring.

For information on recommended cultivars see HG70

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