

# The Grow Your Own Calendar

The Grow Your Own Calendar has been compiled by a local and experienced fruit and vegetable grower. We hope you find it useful!

When?	What to do?	Plant outside	Plant in the greenhouse
<b>Winter (Nov through to Jan)</b>	<p>Whilst the winter is often seen a barren time in the garden there is still plenty to be doing in this dormant time of year. Young fruit trees, fruit bushes and canes are all best planted in the winter whilst dormant, so they then stir to life in Spring in their new location.</p> <p>Garlic is one crop you can plant in winter with the shortest day Dec 21st being a traditional date for planting cloves.</p> <p>Winter is also the time to prune apple and pear trees in preparation for the new season.</p>	<p>Garlic</p> <p>Bare rooted fruit trees, currant bushes and canes</p>	
<b>February</b>	<p>The sowing season starts in February as winter draws to a close and the ground slowly begins to warm. Broad beans are one of the earliest crops to plant and they can be sown either directly into the ground or started in pots and put out later. Radish in another crop that can be started in February and that you can be eating within 6 weeks. Early leeks can be sown in pots in the greenhouse.</p>	<p>Broad Beans</p> <p>Radishes</p>	<p>Leeks</p>
<b>March</b>	<p>As February draws to a close and we run into March then onion sets, potatoes and parsnips can be sown and planted outdoors, whilst tomatoes, chillies and peppers can all be got going in the greenhouse or on a sunny window sill.</p>	<p>Onions</p> <p>Potatoes</p> <p>Parsnips</p> <p>Peas</p>	<p>Tomatoes</p> <p>Chillies</p> <p>Peppers</p>
<b>April</b>	<p>Easter has traditionally been a time to plant, plant, plant. With a few extra days off work, the day length increasing and temperatures on the up it is good time to plant pretty well anything in the veg garden. So if you haven't already done so get those carrots, beetroot, chard, spinach lettuce etc into the ground. Whilst sweet corn can be started in the greenhouse or on a sunny windowsill. Now is also the time to think about Autumn with sprouts, broccoli and leeks all being sown either in the greenhouse or straight into the ground.</p> <p>This is also the time for planting those less hardy crops which might be damaged by any late frosts. So the runner beans, French beans, climbing beans etc. Spring onions and more lettuces and other salad type crops can all be going in now. Whilst courgettes, squashes and pumpkins can be got going in the greenhouse.</p>	<p>Carrots</p> <p>Beetroot</p> <p>Lettuce</p> <p>Runner Beans</p> <p>Climbing Beans</p> <p>Spinach</p> <p>Chard</p> <p>Broccoli</p> <p>Leeks</p> <p>Sprouts</p>	<p>Sweet corn</p> <p>Courgettes</p> <p>Pumpkins</p> <p>Squashes</p>
<b>May</b>	<p>By the end of May you should have everything planted as the next few weeks will be key growing time with growth being put on at a daily rate. Once you think the last frosts have passed then tomatoes, sweet corn, courgettes, pumpkins etc can all be planted outside.</p>	<p>Everything!</p>	
<b>June</b>	<p>Whilst the bulk of the planting should be behind you by now there is still time to plant another generation of salad crops, spring onions, lettuce and mixed leaves and radishes. Winter cabbage can also be sown and a late sowing of peas can also go in this month along with Swedes and turnips to bolster the winter veg harvest.</p>	<p>More salad and</p> <p>Spring onions</p> <p>Swedes</p> <p>Turnips</p> <p>Winter cabbage</p> <p>Peas</p> <p>Radish</p>	
<b>July</b>	<p>Whilst this is traditionally a month of harvesting rather than sowing, a last sowing of carrots can go in this month, that you can be eating around Christmas time. Along with another sowing of lettuce / mixed leaves to eat along with the tomatoes of late summer and early autumn.</p>	<p>More carrots</p> <p>Lettuce</p>	<p>Tomatoes</p>
<b>August</b>	<p>The real start of serious harvesting a case of enjoying the fruits of your labour, on the planting front you can set things in motion for next year by putting in Autumn sown onion sets and sowing spring cabbage.</p>	<p>Onion sets</p> <p>Spring cabbage</p>	
<b>September</b>	<p>Autumn sown broad beans can go in this month as can winter salad, such as lambs lettuce, mizuna and rocket, if you have a greenhouse you can keep a steady supply of green leaves going all through the winter.</p>	<p>Broad beans</p> <p>Winter Salad</p>	<p>Salad leaves</p>
<b>October</b>	<p>Traditionally the month of picking apples, you should be harvesting a wide range of fruit and vegetables as this is the last month before the seasons really changes and the days draw in and the temperatures plummet, so harvest anything that is likely to be ruined by the first frosts of the year.</p>		