



HEALTHY GARDEN TIPS

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COOL SEASON GARDENS FOR NAPA COUNTY

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Plant in the Fall and early Spring. Harvest dates depend on weather and continue until hot weather comes. Seeds need soil temperatures of about 65° F to germinate. For spring planting, seeds should be started indoors 6 to 8 weeks prior to planting out in the garden. Transplant seedlings into the garden when they have two to four leaves. Warm soil conditions favor growth. Plants will tolerate some frost, but growth will stop until weather warms. See references for cultural practices. Cool season vegetables have seeds that germinate at cooler temperatures and develop smaller plants with shallower roots than warm season vegetables. Most respond to nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizers. Make repeated plantings for continuous harvest.

FLOWERS

Alyssum	Pansy	Stock
Calendula	Primrose	Viola
Dianthus	Snapdragon	Wildflower seeds
Columbine	Holly Hocks	Bachelor's Button
Sweet Peas	Fall and winter	–Planted Bulbs

FALL PLANTED VEGETABLES For Late Winter and Spring Harvest

Name	Planting Dates
Asparagus (crowns)	Sept through February
Broccoli/Broccolini	July, August, September
Cabbage/ Cauliflower	August seed, Transplant through September
Chard	Any month
Carrots	September
Garlic	October through January
Kohlrabi	August, September
Lettuce	August, September
Mustard	August, September
Onions	(bulb) seed in October, November
Peas	July through September
Spinach	September through April
Turnips	August, September seed, transplants through October

WINTER PLANTED VEGETABLES For Spring Harvest

Name	Planting Date
Artichokes (crowns)	October through February
Beets	February through August
Broccoli/Broccolini	February, March
Cabbage/cauliflower	February, March
Chard	Any Month
Chives (plant in container)	March
Carrots	March through May
Kohlrabi	February, March, April
Lettuce	February, March
Mustard	March, April
Onions	(bulb) February, March (bunching) seed Jan, Feb / sets March April
Parsley /Cilantro	December through April
Peas	February, March
Potatoes	February, March (early); April, May (late)
Spinach	September through April
Turnips	February, March

Additional Reading:

Home Vegetable Gardening, 1992, UC ANR, Publication #21444

Growing Flowering Annuals, 1975, USDA Home and Garden bulletin No. 91.

Growing Flowering Bulbs, 1975, USDA Home and Garden bulletin No. 114.

Spring Flowering Bulbs, 1976, USDA Home and Garden bulletin No. 136.

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