

## Notes and resources, August 13, 2023

### Transplanting seedlings

- Tools for removing seedlings from a cell pack: small flat knife, flat fork
- Separate if there are multiple plants in a cell.
- Planting depth is usually the same as in the cell pack.
- Don't compact the soil when setting into ground: be gentle.
- Water in gently.

### Seeding in the ground

- Water the planting bed in advance.
- Depth for planting, 3- or 4-times diameter of seed
- An inch is finger depth to first knuckle
- For shallow planting, make shallow impressions with finger.
- Cover with loose soil or sifted compost.
- Water in gently.

### Starting your own plants from seeds

- Use a good seed-starting medium and moisten well.
- Use clean, sterilized containers.
- Seed at appropriate depth.
- Water in, drain well.
- Cover planting container to allow light but prevent evaporation.
- As soon as seeds sprout, remove cover and place in maximum light for good growth.
- While seedlings are small but once true leaves appear, use half-strength liquid fertilizer about once a week until transplanted.

## Resources

### Weather and climate websites

www.usclimatedata.com

Timeanddate.com

UC California Garden Web

<https://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu/Vegetables/>

UC Vegetable Research and Information Center

<https://vric.ucdavis.edu/>

A Month-by-Month Guide to Gardening in Napa County, UCCE Master Gardeners of Napa County  
(see our website to order)

California Master Gardener Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.