Suggested Vegetable Planting Dates
For the Wasatch Front

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Listed below are suggested vegetable planting dates for an average year along the Wasatch Front. Of course, each season has its own unique weather conditions. The “Average Planting Date” is for the initial planting. With crops such as broccoli, radish, carrot, sweet corn, and Swiss chard, several plantings can be made a few weeks apart and later than the average planting date.

The average date of the last spring frost will vary with location and elevation. Listed below are the 30-year average last frost dates for various cities.

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<td>Salt Lake County – Cottonwood Weir</td>
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*For more information on freeze dates and Utah’s climate, go to http://climate.usu.edu

Group A: Hardy
(Plant as soon as the soil dries out in the spring.)

**Average Planting Date:** March 1 – April 15

Artichoke  
Asparagus  
Broccoli  
Brussels Sprouts

Cabbage  
Kohlrabi  
Onions  
Peas

Radish  
Rhubarb  
Spinach  
Turnip

Group B: Semi-Hardy
(Plant a week or two after “A” group or about two weeks before average last spring frost.)

**Average Planting Date:** March 20 – May 1

Beet  
Carrot  
Cauliflower  
Endive

Lettuce  
Parsley  
Parsnip  
Swiss Chard

Potato  
Salsify  

Group C: Tender
(Plant on the average date of the last spring frost—about when first apples reach full bloom.)

**Average Planting Date:** May 5 – June 1

Celery  
Dry Bean  
New Zealand

Snap Bean  
Summer Squash  
Sweet Corn

Cucumber  
Lima Bean  
Pepper, Sweet, Hot

Spinach  
Watermelon  
Winter Squash

Group D: Very Tender
(Plant when the soil is warm, about two weeks after “C” group.)

**Average Planting Date:** May 20 – June 10

Cantaloupe  
Eggplant  
Lima Bean  
Pepper, Sweet, Hot

Pumpkin  
Tomato  
Watermelon  
Winter Squash
### Group E: Special Plants for Fall Harvest

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