



Garden Tips from the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens version 2/2010

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Cheyenne Planting Schedule

Knowing when to plant is one of the keys to successful vegetable gardening on the high plains. The following planting dates are based upon Cheyenne's average weather. Unfortunately the weather in Cheyenne is rarely average. Our climate is, more often than not, marked by extremes. Even so, this schedule will help you plan out the optimum planting times. . . as long as you keep an eye on the sky and be ready to make adjustments.

AVERAGE FROST DATES FOR CHEYENNE:

The last average frost-free date is May 20th. The first average frost date is September 20th. Remember, the weather in Cheyenne is rarely average! These are the dates that the chances of a first or last frost are 50% so frost can be looming before or after these dates. It helps to be ready with tarps and covers if inclement weather arrives.

The Schedule: when to set out seeds or transplants

PLANT AFTER APRIL 15TH	PLANT AFTER MAY 1 ST	PLANT AROUND MAY 25TH	PLANT THRU JUNE	PLANT EARLY AUGUST
Asparagus *	Beets +	Pole & Bush Beans +	Bush Beans +	Spinach #
Broccoli #	Carrots +	Corn #	Leafy greens +	Radish +
Cabbage #	Chard #	Cucumber #	Root Crops +	
Leafy greens #	Herbs +	Eggplant*	Broccoli #	
Cauliflower #	Mustard #	Peppers *	Cauliflower #	
Onions #	Parsnip +	Tomato *	Kohlrabi #	
Peas +	Perennials #		Peas +	
Potato #	Radish +			
Spinach #				
Kohlrabi #				
Brussels Sprouts #				
Rhubarb *				

Code Key

* = Use transplants or bare root plantlets - If you grow your own, start them about 6 to 8 weeks prior to setting out.

= Use seed or transplants

+ = Can be seeded directly into garden, keep extra moist for a few weeks, plant seeds twice as deep as they are wide.

Planting and Care

- Keep beds moist until seeds germinate- a thin application of mulch is very helpful in maintaining moisture.
- Protect transplants from direct sun and wind for a few days. Use a stiff piece of cardboard or a scrap piece of wood.
- Don't forget to thin germinated seedlings to proper distances- see the seed packet. Failure to thin may result in little or no yield!
- Be sure to look for or ask us about our **Wide Bed** brochure for help in laying out a vegetable garden

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