

HOW TO USE ZONE PLANNER:

This planner is based on general USDA planting zone and is a helpful starting point - but your local climate may vary. Always adjust based on your actual weather conditions, local frost dates and what you observe in your own garden. Think of this planner as a guide, not a guarantee. Use it with flexibility.

You can find your USDA zone by entering your ZIP code on the [USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#). Look at the zone map to hone in on your zone, but go to your local garden center and they will let you know the exact zone that you're in.

MONTHLY PLANTING BY ZONE GUIDE

EACH MONTH, YOU'LL FIND TWO LISTS:

- **Vegetables to Start Indoors:** These crops benefit from a head start under a grow light or in a sunny window- especially in cooler zones with shorter growing seasons.
- **Vegetables to Direct Sow:** These are crops that can be planted directly outdoors if your soil is workable and temperatures are right.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR COLD ZONES (ZONE 1-5)

in January - March, most soil in these zones is frozen. When this guide list "direct sow" during these months, it refers to:

- **Winter sowing-** planting seeds outdoors in milk jugs or sealed containers
- **Cold frames or low tunnels** - protected outdoor growing methods
- **Not open garden soil-** Wait until the ground thaws!

PRO TIPS:

- Always check your **last frost date** for your area to fine-tune indoor starts and transplanting times.
- "Start Indoors" mean under lights or on a war windowsill, ideally with consistent temperatures and moisture
- This guide is great for **succession planting** - use it to keep something growing month after month!