

Summer Planting Guide

Some plants are difficult to sow, transplant or maintain during very hot weather. I have crossed off a lot on Dec-Feb but it depends on the season. Personally, I avoid a lot of seed sowing Nov-March unless the weather is cooler. If you are transplanting check weather forecast for cooler days to allow more time for plants to settle in and consider covering with some shade cloth.

PLANT	INSTRUCTIONS	DEC	JAN	FEB	NOTES
Artichoke, globe	DS/TS	x			
Asian greens	DS/TS	x			
Asparagus	TS			x	
*Basil	DS/TS	x		x	
*Beans	DS/TS	x		x	Pot/trellis
Beetroot	DS/TS	x			
Capsicum	DS/TS	x			Start indoors/greenhouse Aug/Sept TS to pots/ground
Carrots	DS				Pinch out
*Celery	DS/TS	x		x	
*Chard/Silverbeet	DS/TS	x		x	
Chilli	DS/TS	x			Start indoors Aug/Sept TS to pots/ground
*Chives	DS/TS	x			
*Collard Greens	DS	x			
Coriander	DS/TS	x			Pot/ground shade
Cucumber	TS	x			Start indoors Aug/Sept TS to pots/ground
Dill	DS/TS	x			
Eggplant	TS	x			Start indoors Aug/Sept TS to pots/ground
Endive	TS/DS	x			
Kale	DS/TS	x			
Leeks	TS				
*Lettuce	DS Scatter	x			
Marjoram	TS				Pots/Ground
Melons	TS	x			Space?
*Mint	TS	x			Pot
*Mustard greens	DS/TS	x			
*Oregano	DS/TS	x			
*Parsley	DS/TS	x			
*Radish	DS	x			
*Rocket	DS Scatter	x			
*Rosemary	TS/cuttings	x			Pot/ground
Rhubarb	DS/TS	x			
*Sage	TS	x			Pots/Ground
*Sunflower	DS	x			Pots/Ground
*Spinach	TS/DS	x	x	x	
*Spinach-perpetual	TS/DS	x			
*Spring onions	DS Scatter	x			
Strawberries	TS	x			Pots/Ground

Summer Squash	DS/TS	x			
Sweet Potato	DS/TS	x			
*Thyme	TS	x			
Tomatoes	TS	x			Start indoors Aug/Sept TS to pots/ground
Warrigal Greens	DS	x			
Zucchini	TS/DS	x			Pots/Ground

Please freely use this as a guide, and add your other favourite plants to the additional rows.

Choose plants according to the season, your site size and environmental elements, garden and plant maintenance time, and what you would like to eat.

Some plants listed are perennials lasting 2 plus years.

If you require more space for note taking, consider a garden journal.

KEY

- *Super easy to grow
- DS = Direct sow seed. Directly sow seeds into garden bed. Work out spacing and depth of seed required.
- TS = Transplant (Start indoors in containers and plant out seedlings in 4-6 weeks, when about 6 leaves on seedling.) Or buy seedlings (harden-off) before planting in garden
- X = depending on the current weather, they may not do well in these months or it may be better to start them off in a greenhouse.

PLAN AND PREP

Consider plant requirements:

- Prepare garden beds: Soil Ph? Crop rotation methods. Compost and other amendments needed?
- Does plant grow best in sun/shade?
- How far apart should the seeds/seedlings be spaced?
- Do they need a trellis or support structure?
- Are their plant companions for optimal growth?
- Will you succession plant for monger harvest period?
- Do they require a lot/little water? Group plants with similar water requirements.



- What mulch will you use to keep soil covered?
- Do the plants require a protective barrier?

NOTES

Use the space to note:

- Date planted: seeds sown/seedlings transplanted, in/out of greenhouse.
- Harvesting method and dates.
- What worked well and what didn't and possible issues. I.e weather, location, soil health, Pest infestations/disease and treatments.
- Companion plants
- Maintenance/fertilising undertaken

