January

It's time for garden catalogs to arrive in the mail. January is a great time to start planning what vegetable varieties will be grown in the garden. Look through your catalogs and find the vegetable seeds for your garden. Some flower varieties should be started in January. In a warmer environment you can plant certain vegetables but must be ready for a frost. Indoor herbs are always great to grow in a sunny windowsill.

Tomatoes and Peppers

Get a head start on the growing season by starting your tomato and pepper seeds indoors. Most tomatoes and peppers will take 6-8 weeks to reach transplant size so plan according to your climate zone!

Suggested tomato variety: <u>Brandywine</u>, <u>Cherokee Purple</u>, <u>Roma</u>, <u>Sweetie</u>, <u>Heirloom Blend</u> Suggested pepper variety: <u>California Wonder</u>, <u>Early Jalapeno</u>, <u>Sweet Banana</u>, <u>Super Chili</u>

Onions

Late January is a great time to start your onion seeds indoors if you live in a warmer gardening zone (6-10) For zones 1-5 start your onion seeds in mid-late February. Let the onions grow to 5-6 inches tall and cut tops off so they will be only 3 inches. Repeating this until they are transplanted helps strengthen the roots and health of the onions.

Suggested onion varieties: <u>Sweet White Walla Walla</u>, <u>Candy Hybrid</u>, <u>Yellow Sweet Spanish</u>, <u>Nebuka Evergreen</u>

Herbs

Herbs are definitely the most popular indoor plant to grow throughout the winter months. Try your hand at these 5 most popular herbs. Also check out the <u>Urban Farmer Herb Kit</u>
Suggested variety: <u>Basil, Chives, Oregano, Parsley, Thyme</u>

Annual and Perennial Flowers

Now is a great time to get your spring flowers germinating and ready for spring! There are many different varieties of annuals and perennials with different grow times. Pay attention to grow times so that your flowers are ready to be planted after last frost. Below are some good varieties to start in January for a last frost in March and April!

Annuals: Zinnas, Marigolds, Geraniums

Perennials: <u>Rudbeckias</u>, <u>Daisies</u>, <u>Poppies</u>, <u>Coneflowers</u>

February

Get your garden planning started. In some warmer locations you can begin sowing your vegetable seeds outdoors. For cooler areas, February is a great time to sow your tomatoes and peppers. Start drawing out your garden for all the vegetables you want to grow. In late February there are several cool weather vegetables you can directly sow out in the garden. February is a great time to try a <u>Garden Shot!</u>

Broccoli

If you live in a warmer climate and can find a quick growing Broccoli variety you can harvest until it bolts in the hot summer sun!

Suggested variety: Calabrese

Herbs:

Plant heat loving herbs like basil, oregano, thyme and sage.

Suggested varieties: <u>Italian Basil</u>, <u>Greek Oregano</u>, <u>Dill</u>

Lettuce

Start a crop of salad mix greens that gets bright sun but not all day. Great for spring crops until the lettuce begins to bolt in the summer sun.

Suggested Varieties: <u>Buttercrunch</u>, <u>Mesclun Mix</u>, <u>Black Seeded Simpson</u>

Onions

Get those onion seeds growing. Be careful to select an onion variety appropriate for your garden zone. Northern areas should plant long day onions. Southern regions should plant short day onions.

Suggest variety: <u>Sweet White Walla</u>, <u>Red Creol</u>, <u>Yellow Spanish</u>

Peppers

Fresh, crisp peppers are a garden favorite. Peppers take up little space and can produce high yields when planted close together. Plant as many different varieties as possible. They come small, big, hot, mild, and an array of different colors. Start seeds 8-10 weeks before your last frost date indoors for best results.

Suggested variety: California Wonder, Early Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Super Chili

Tomatoes

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Suggested variety: <u>Brandywine</u>, <u>Cherokee Purple</u>, <u>Roma</u>, <u>Sweetie</u>, <u>Heirloom Blend</u>

March

March is the perfect time to get those tomato and pepper seeds started indoors ready for an early spring planting! Also a great time to start planting those cool weather vegetables that can withstand those last frost days of March and April. A great time to try a <u>Garden Shot!</u>

Beets

Sow beets now for a fast, early summer treat.

Suggested variety: Detroit Dark Red

Broccoli

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Suggested variety: Calabrese

Cabbage

Cabbage is one of the easier plants to grow in the garden. Select a variety that is right for your location (size and maturity length). Be sure to fertilize and water when cabbage head begins to form.

Suggested variety: Premium Late Flat Dutch, Golden Acre, Michihili

Carrots

Planting carrots by mid-July yields a fall crop that will keep in the garden until used.

Suggested variety: Little Finger, Scarlet Nantes

Corn

One of the most rewarding and fast growing crops to grow. Corn is delicious when cooked only minutes after being pulled off the stalk. Try a small plot of corn, working your way to a large field of several varieties.

Suggested variety: Peaches and Cream, Incredible, Sugar Buns

Cucumbers

Fast growing vine or bush cucumber plants can produce an abundance of cucumber fruits. Be careful to pick a variety for the space you have in your garden. Vine cucumbers can be the best tasting but need far more space than bush varieties.

Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Herbs:

Plant heat loving herbs like basil, oregano, thyme and sage.

Suggested varieties: <u>Italian Basil</u>, <u>Greek Oregano</u>, <u>Dill</u>

Lettuce

Start a crop of salad mix greens that gets bright sun but not all day. Great for late summer and early fall crops.

Suggested Varieties: <u>Buttercrunch</u>, <u>Mesclun Mix</u>, <u>Black Seeded Simpson</u>

Melons

Melons are some of the most rewarding plants to grow. Great for hot, long summers. A staple for summer picnics and family fun.

Suggested variety: Sugar Baby, Crimson Sweet, Hales Best

Onions

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Suggest variety: Sweet White Walla, Red Creol, Yellow Spanish

Peas

Green peas and sugar peas are good to plant in July, and will produce a moderate fall harvest. Suggested variety: Sugar Ann, Oregon Giant

Peppers

Fresh, crisp peppers are a garden favorite. Peppers take up little space and can produce high yields when planted close together. Plant as many different varieties as possible. They come small, big, hot, mild, and an array of different colors.

Suggested variety: California Wonder, Early Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Super Chili

Spinach

Spinach is more of a cool weather vegetable and will produce until hot weather of summer. Planting in early March will ensure you have plenty of harvest before bolting.

Suggested variety: Bloomsdale, Samish

Summer Squash

Yum! Summer squash sowing in June will lead to fresh squash and zucchini in July and August.

Suggested Varieties: Cocozelle, Waltham Butternut

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Suggested variety: Brandywine, Cherokee Purple, Roma, Sweetie, Heirloom Blend

<u>April</u>

Yes, Yes, Yes! April is finally here and your garden soil is finally warming up! April is the best time to plant most of your vegetable seeds after your last frost. It's still not too late to plant tomatoes and peppers from seeds as well. Check out the below vegetables that can be started in April. Be sure to check your gardening zone for last frost dates. Try a <u>Salsa Garden</u>this spring!

Beans:

Start planting both bush and pole beans now that the soil and air are warmed up. Try a continual 7-10 day sowing of different varieties. This will give you continual bean crops and not one large harvest with wasted crop.

Suggested variety: Contender, Kentucky Wonder, Topcrop

Beets

Sow beets now for a fast, early summer treat.

Suggested Varieties: Detroit Dark Red

Cabbage

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(size and maturity length). Be sure to fertilize and water when cabbage head begins to form.

Suggested variety: Premium Late Flat Dutch, Golden Acre, Michihili

Carrots

Planting carrots by April will give an early summer crop.

Suggested variety: <u>Little Finger</u>, <u>Scarlet Nantes</u>

Corn

One of the most rewarding and fast growing crops to grow. Corn is delicious when cooked only minutes after being pulled off the stalk. Try a small plot of corn, working your way to a large field of several varieties.

Suggested variety: Peaches and Cream, Incredible, Sugar Buns

Cucumbers

Fast growing vine or bush cucumber plants can produce an abundance of cucumber fruits. Be careful to pick a variety for the space you have in your garden. Vine cucumbers can be the best tasting but need far more space than bush varieties.

Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Herbs:

Plant heat loving herbs like basil, oregano, thyme and sage.

Suggested varieties: <u>Italian Basil</u>, <u>Greek Oregano</u>, <u>Dill</u>

Lettuce

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Suggested Varieties: Buttercrunch, Mesclun Mix, Black Seeded Simpson

Melons

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Suggested variety: <u>Sugar Baby</u>, <u>Crimson Sweet</u>, <u>Hales Best</u>

Onions

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Suggest variety: Sweet White Walla, Red Creol, Yellow Spanish

Peas

Green peas and sugar peas are good to plant in April, and will produce a May crop.

Suggested variety: <u>Sugar Ann</u>, <u>Oregon Giant</u>

Peppers

Fresh, crisp peppers are a garden favorite. Peppers take up little space and can produce high yields when planted close together. Plant as many different varieties as possible. They come small, big, hot,

mild, and an array of different colors.

Suggested variety: California Wonder, Early Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Super Chili

Summer Squash

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May

Finally warm temperatures are here to stay and you don't have to worry about that frost. You may think it's too late to grow all your favorite vegetables from seed but warm May temperatures have made the soil perfect for sowing seeds. Warm soil will allow for fast germination and growing plants. Good choices are summertime kitchen garden staples like squash, beans, cucumbers and melons.

Beans:

Start planting both bush and pole beans now that the soil and air are warmed up. Try a continual 7-10 day sowing of different varieties. This will give you continual bean crops and not one large harvest with wasted crop.

Suggested variety: Contender, Kentucky Wonder, Topcrop

Beets

Sow beets now for a fast, early summer treat.

Suggested Varieties: <u>Detroit Dark Red</u>

Cabbage

Cabbage is one of the easier plants to grow in the garden. Select a variety that is right for your location (size and maturity length). Be sure to fertilize and water when cabbage head begins to form.

Suggested variety: Premium Late Flat Dutch, Golden Acre, Michihili

Carrots

Planting carrots by mid-July yields a fall crop that will keep in the garden until used.

Suggested variety: <u>Little Finger</u>, <u>Scarlet Nantes</u>

Corn

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Suggested variety: Peaches and Cream, Incredible, Sugar Buns

Cucumbers

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Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Herbs:

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Suggested varieties: Italian Basil, Greek Oregano, Dill

Melons

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Suggested variety: Sugar Baby, Crimson Sweet, Hales Best

Peppers

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Suggested variety: California Wonder, Early Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Super Chili

Summer Squash

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June

Most fruiting plants like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants should already be in the ground. Many vegetables though will grow and produce even more quickly from seed planted in early summer when the soil is well warmed up and teeming with life.

Beans:

Beans are great for a June planting. Fast growing in warm soil will give you a crop in as little as 35 days with some varieties.

Suggested variety: Contender, Kentucky Wonder, Topcrop

Beets

Sow beets now for a fast, mid-summer treat.

Suggested Varieties: Detroit Dark Red

Cabbage

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Suggested variety: Premium Late Flat Dutch, Golden Acre, Michihili

Carrots

Planting carrots by mid-June yields a late summer crop that will keep in the garden until used.

Suggested variety: Little Finger, Scarlet Nantes

Corn

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Herbs:

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Suggested varieties: Italian Basil, Greek Oregano, Dill

Melons

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Suggested variety: Sugar Baby, Crimson Sweet, Hales Best

Peas

Green peas and sugar peas are good to plant in July, and will produce a great summer crop of fresh, crisp peas.

Suggested variety: Sugar Ann, Oregon Giant

Summer Squash

Yum! Summer squash sowing in June will lead to fresh squash and zucchini in July and August.

Suggested Varieties: Cocozelle, Waltham Butternut

July

There are still some great crops that can be planted that will keep your garden pumping out vegetables well into the fall.

Beans:

Start planting both bush and pole beans now that the soil and air are warmed up. Try a continual 7-10 day sowing of different varieties. This will give you continual bean crops and not one large harvest with wasted crop.

Suggested variety: Contender, Kentucky Wonder, Topcrop

Broccoli

Broccoli can be planted in the fall to produce a crop well into November.

Suggested variety: Calabrese

Carrots

Planting carrots by mid-July yields a fall crop that will keep in the garden until used.

Suggested variety: Scarlet Nantes

Corn

One of the most rewarding and fast growing crops to grow. Corn is delicious when cooked only minutes after being pulled off the stalk. Try a small plot of corn, working your way to a large field of several varieties. Last practical date to plant any corn variety is the first week in July. Must plant an early maturing corn variety.

Suggested variety: <u>Bodacious</u>, <u>Sugar Buns</u>, <u>Early Golden Bantam</u>

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Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Kale

Planting kale mid-July through mid-August will yield an excellent harvest in the fall and winter.

Suggested variety: **Dwarf Blue**

August

August is an ideal time to plant seeds for a second gardening season that can be as productive as your major early spring plantings. Late summer is the time to plant these vegetables and herbs.

Beans:

Start planting both bush and pole beans now that the soil and air are warmed up. Try a continual 7-10 day sowing of different varieties. This will give you continual bean crops and not one large harvest with wasted crop. Early August is the last practical sowing date.

Suggested variety: Contender, Kentucky Wonder, Topcrop

Cover Crops:

A great way to add nutrients to your soil for the following year is by growing winter cover crops this fall. Start in August so they get some good growth before winter comes.

Suggest variety: Winter Cover Crops

Cucumbers

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Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Flower Bulbs

August is a great time to plant those fall flower bulbs. There are many varieties that can be planted this fall and start blooming early spring. Flower Bulbs

Kale

Planting kale mid-July through mid-August will yield an excellent harvest in the fall and winter. Suggested variety: Dwarf Blue

Lettuce

Sow lettuce in August for a fall crop. Try growing early harvest varieties that will produce a harvest before cold weather rolls in.

Suggested Varieties: <u>Buttercrunch</u>, <u>Salad Bowl</u>

Peas

Green peas and sugar peas are good to plant in August, and will produce a moderate fall harvest. Suggested variety: <u>Sugar Ann</u>

Radish

A quick and easy vegetable to grow. Plant now and you can have them ready in 30 days.

Suggested variety: Cherry Belle

Spinach

Spinach is more of a cool weather vegetable and is great to grow in August.

Suggested variety: Bloomsdale, Samish

September

Although September marks the beginning of fall, there are still a few fast growing vegetables that can be planted this month and be harvested before the first frost in most gardening zones. Remember to keep your soil warm by removing all mulch and maybe try using a plastic sheet to trap heat into the soil. Try these vegetables below and you can still take advantage of your garden this fall.

Blueberries

Fall is the perfect time to plant blueberry plants. Planting in the fall will allow for good root growth and early growth this coming spring.

Suggested variety: Blueberry Bluecrop

Broccoli

If you live in a warmer climate and can find a quick growing Broccoli variety you can harvest well into November.

Suggested variety: Calabrese

Flower Bulbs

September is a great time to plant those fall flower bulbs. There are many varieties that can be planted this fall and start blooming early spring. Flower Bulbs

Garlic

Garlic is a vegetable that can be planted in the fall for a larger and earlier harvest this coming spring. Suggested variety: Italian Garlic

Lettuce

Sow lettuce late summer for a fall crop. Grow fast maturing varieties.

Suggested Varieties: Buttercrunch

Radish

A quick and easy vegetable to grow. Plant now and you can have them ready in 30 days.

Suggested variety: Cherry Belle

Spinach

Spinach is more of a cool weather vegetable and is great to grow in September.

Suggested variety: Bloomsdale, Olympia Hybrid, Samish

October

Fall is here and many vegetables don't have enough time to develop before your first frost. There are still a few vegetables that can be planted in October.

Blueberries

Fall is the perfect time to plant blueberry plants. Planting in the fall will allow for good root growth and early growth this coming spring.

Suggested variety: Blueberry Bluecrop

Flower Bulbs

October is a great time to plant those fall flower bulbs. There are many varieties that can be planted this fall and start blooming early spring. <u>Flower Bulbs</u>

Garlic

Garlic is a vegetable that can be planted in the fall for a larger and earlier harvest this coming spring. Suggested variety: Garlic

Herbs

Herbs are defiantly the most popular indoor plant to grow throughout the winter months. Try your hand at these 5 most popular herbs. Also check out the <u>Urban Farmer Herb Kit</u>
Suggested variety: <u>Basil, Chives, Oregano, Parsley, Thyme</u>

November

Don't be sad, you can still grow a lot of different plants inside. This is a great time of the year to clone some of your outside plants or grow them from seed indoors. Grow herbs on the windowsill!

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Indoor Plants

Growing flowers indoors can be a good way to pass the winter months. Try growing an indoor Amaryllis flower kit. These beautiful flowers will brighten up your house and give off a nice aroma.

Suggested variety: Seasonal Decorations

Sprouts

Growing sprouts indoors is fun, quick and a great way to spruce up salads and sandwiches. It doesn't take much effort but you still get the reward of growing your own food.

Suggested variety: <a>Sprouts

Vegetables

If you live in some warmer climates it is a perfect time to plant vegetables. Try some of the cool weather vegetables that can survive now that the summer heat is over.

Suggested variety: <u>Lettuce</u>, <u>Radish</u>, <u>Spinach</u>, <u>Broccoli</u>, <u>Carrots</u>

December

It's time for the garden seed catalogs to arrive! Start planning your garden wherever you live. Try growing some fresh herbs inside on your kitchen windowsill.

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Vegetables

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Suggest variety: Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Broccoli, Carrots