With home gardening becoming more popular than ever, having a quick and easy guide for when to start seeding or planting is important. As spring approaches, it is important to have a plan of action for the timing of the plants you want to grow in your garden this growing season. Whether you are container gardening in an apartment or have a backyard garden plot, these general time frames apply to the following commonly planted vegetables.

With all of these vegetables, always check the seed packet or tag for more variety-specific details on care. For more information on these and other commonly planted garden varieties, check out the Civic Garden Center, OSU Extension and UK Extension offices.

Happy gardening!

**GARDEN PLANTING SCHEDULE**

- **ONIONS**
  Seed in the middle of February; harvest in the middle of August.

- **POTATOES**
  Plant in March; harvest in July.

- **SPINACH**
  Seed at the beginning of March; harvest in May.

- **LETTUCE**
  Seed in the middle of March; harvest in the middle of May.

- **SWEET CORN**
  Seed at the beginning of April; harvest in the middle of July.

- **BRASSICAS**
  Seed at the beginning of April; harvest in June/July.

- **TOMATOES**
  Plant transplants in the middle of May; harvest in the middle of August.

- **EGGPLANT**
  Plant transplants in the middle of May; harvest in the middle of August.

- **PEPPERS**
  Plant transplants in the middle of May; harvest in the middle of August.

- **BEANS**
  Seed in April; harvest in June.

- **SWEET POTATOES**
  Plant transplants in the middle of May; harvest in October.
Support local farmers by shopping your neighborhood markets for fresh local produce, meats, baked goods and more. 
Market details are subject to change.

**Ohio**

**Butler County**

Fairfield Farmers’ Market
Fairfield Community Arts Center
411 Wessel Dr. | Fairfield, OH 45014
Fairfield-City.org/market
www.facebook.com/thefairfieldfarmersmarket/
Hours: 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays, late April-October
4-7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, November-mid-April

**Hamilton’s Historic Farmers’ Market**
101 High St. | Hamilton, OH 45013
www.facebook.com/Hamiltonshistoricfarmersmarket/
Hours: 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 16-Oct. 3

**Liberty Farm Market**
5850 Princeton Rd.
Liberty Township, OH 45011
libertyfarmmarket.com
Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday

**Oxford Farmers’ Market -- Uptown**
20 S Main St. | Oxford, OH 45056
OxfordFarmersMarket.com
Hours: 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May-September
9 noon Saturdays, October-Thanksgiving
10 a.m.-noon third Saturdays, December-April

**West Chester Farmers’ Market**
westchesterohiofarmersmarket.org
Summer:
The Square at Union Centre
9285 Center Pointe Drive
West Chester, OH 45069
Hours: 2-4 p.m. first and third Saturdays in April
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May-September.
Winter:
Mulhauser Barn
8558 Beckett Road
West Chester, OH 45069
Hours: 2-4 p.m. first and third Saturdays, November-March

**Clermont County**

**Batavia**
Main St. at Depot Ave.
Batavia, OH 45103
www.facebook.com/BataviaOHFarmersMarket/
Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays; 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays, July-October

**Milford Farmers’ Market**
1005 Lila Ave (Rt 50)
Milford, OH 45150
milfordfarmersmarket.com
Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, June-October
2-5 p.m. Wednesdays (starting in July)

**Mount Carmel Market**
Sports Rock Cafe
453 Old 74
Mount Carmel, OH 45244
MilfordFarmersMarket.com
Hours: 2-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July-September

**Clinton County**

**Clinton County Farmers’ Market**
clintoncountyfarmersmarket.com
Spring (March-May) and Winter (October-December):
Wilmington Municipal Building
69 N South St.
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Hours: Spring and Winter: 9 a.m.-noon, first and third Saturdays
Summer (June-September):
Mulberry Street, in front of the General Denver Hotel
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Hours: Summer: 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays

**Hamilton County**

**Anderson Farmers’ Market**
St. Timothy Episcopal Church
8101 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255
AndersonFarmersMarket.org
Hours: 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 10

**Blue Ash Farmers’ Market**
Summit Park
4335 Glendale Milford Road
Blue Ash, OH 45242
www.facebook.com/blueashfarmersmarket/
Hours: 3:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 13-Sept. 30

**Delhi Farmers’ Market**
Clearview Lake
5125 Foley Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238
www.facebook.com/DelhiFarmersMarketCincy/
Hours: 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 23 - Aug. 29
Farmer Produce Market of Cincinnati at Lunken Airport
Wilmer Ave. off of State Route 52 (adjacent to Lunken Airport, 262 Wilmer Ave.) | Cincinnati, OH 45226
Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, late April to late fall

Fibonacci's Mount Healthy Farmers' Market
1451 Compton Road | Cincinnati, OH 45231
FibBrew.com
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. first Sunday of month, May 3-Nov. 2

Findlay Market (outdoor farmers market)
1801 Race St. | Cincinnati, OH 45202
findlaymarket.org
Hours: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays year-round.

Hyde Park Farmers' Market
hydeparkfarmersmarket.com
Summer: Hyde Park Square
2700 Erie Avenue | Cincinnati, OH 45208
Hours: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundays, May 17-Oct. 25
5-8 p.m. “Turkey Tuesday” the Tuesday before Thanksgiving
Winter: Clark Montessori
3030 Erie Ave | Cincinnati, Ohio 45208
Hours: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, November-May

Lettuce Eat Well Farmers’ Market
Cheviot Elementary School
4040 Harrison Ave. | Cincinnati, OH 45211
lewfm.org
Hours: 3:30-6:30 p.m. Fridays, May-October
First and third Fridays, November-April (indoor, pre-order market)

Loveland Farmers’ Market
205 Broadway St. | Loveland, OH 45140
lovelandfm.com
Hours: 3-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 7 to Oct. 29

Madeira Farmers’ Market
madeirafarmersmarket.com
Summer: Corner of Dawson and Miami
Madeira, OH 45243
Hours: 3:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, May-October
Winter: Madeira Silverwood
Presbyterian Church
8000 Miami Ave. | Madeira, OH 45243
Hours: 4-6:30 p.m. November-April

Mariemont Farmers Market
6750 Wooster Pike
Mariemont, OH 45227
www.facebook.com/MariemontFarmersMarket
Hours: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, June-mid-October

Montgomery Farmers’ Market
MontgomeryFarmersMarket.org
Summer: Montgomery Elementary School parking lot
9609 Montgomery Road
Montgomery, OH 45242
Hours: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, May-October
Winter: Montgomery Presbyterian Church
9494 ZigZag Road
Montgomery, Ohio 45242
Hours: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, November-December

Mount Washington Market in the Park
Stanbery Park
2221 Oxford Ave. | Cincinnati, OH 45230
Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May-October

Nativity Church Tailgate Market
5935 Pandora Ave. (Pleasant Ridge)
Cincinnati, OH 45213
Hours: 3:30-7 p.m. Mondays, June-October

Northminster United Presbyterian Church Tailgate Market
703 Compton Road (Finneytown)
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Hours: 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Fridays, June-October

Northside Farmers Market
North Presbyterian Church
4222 Hamilton Ave. | Cincinnati, OH 45223
northsidefm.org
Hours: 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays year-round

Off Pike Market
Victory Park and Mills Ave.
Norwood, OH 45212
www.facebook.com/offpikemarket/
Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. third Saturday of the month, May-September

Reading
Corner of Vine Street and
Reading Road
Reading, Ohio 45215
www.facebook.com/ReadingFarmersMarket/
Hours: 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Fridays, May 29-Sept. 25

Sayler Park Farmers Market
Nelson Sayler Memorial Park
6600 Gracely Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45233
www.facebook.com/Saylerparkfarmersmarket/
Hours: 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays, June-August

WestSide Market
3719 Harrison Ave.
Cheviot, OH 45211
WestsideMarketCincy.com
Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. first Saturday of the month, May-August (fall fest Sept. 5, Oct. 31, Nov. 28)

Montgomery County
Centerville
892 S. Main St.
Centerville, OH 45458
Hours: 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, May-October
(Also 2:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 at Benham’s Grove, 166 N. Main St.)

Warren County
Deerfield Farmers’ Market
Kingswood Park
4188 Irwin Simpson Road
Mason, OH 45040
deerfieldfarmersmarket.com
Hours: 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May-October; 10-11 a.m. third Saturday of the month, November-April

Lebanon, Ohio Farmers Market
Corner of Sycamore and Main Streets | Lebanon, OH 45036
lebanonohiofarmersmarket.com
Hours: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, mid-May-mid-October
KENTUCKY

Boone County

Boone County Farmers Market
6028 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY 41005
boonecountyfarmersmarket.org
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily,
May-October (9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Campbell County

Campbell County Farmers Market
www.facebook.com/campbellcountyfarmersmarket/
Alexandria:
Southern Lanes Sports Center
7634 Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, KY 41001
Hours: 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Fridays, May 22-Oct. 30
Highland Heights:
Senior Citizens Activity Center
3504 Alexandria Pike
Highland Heights, KY 41076
Hours: 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays,
May 19-Oct. 31
Newport:
709 Monmouth St. (public lot next
to Pepper Pod)
Newport, KY 41071
Hours: 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 23-Oct. 31

Fort Thomas Farmers Market
950 Cochran Ave.
Fort Thomas, KY 41075
www.facebook.com/fortthomasm\nHours: 3-7pm Wednesdays,
June-September, 3-6 p.m. October.

Kenton County

Covington Farmers Market
www.rcov.org/covfarmersmarket
www.facebook.com/covingtonfarmersmarket/
May-October:
Third and Court Streets
Covington, KY 41011
November-April:
Braxton Brewery, 27 W. Seventh St.
Covington, Kentucky 41011
Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays

Crestview Hills Farmers Market
Crestview Hills Town Center,
2833 Dixie Hwy
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
www.facebook.com/CrestviewHillsFarmersMarket/
Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays,
May 30-Sept. 26

DCCH Farmers Market
75 Orphanage Road
Fort Mitchell, KY 41017
www.dcchfarmersmarket.com
www.facebook.com/Dcchfarmersmarket75/
Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays,
May 9 - Oct. 31

Dixie Farmers Market
Erlanger Baptist Church
116 Commonwealth Ave.
Erlanger, KY 41018
Hours: 2-6 p.m. Thursdays, April 23-Oct. 29

Independence Farmers’ Market
5272 Madison Pike (Independence Courthouse Square)
Independence, KY 41011
www.facebook.com/SKFarmersMarket/
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays,
May 2-Oct. 31

INDIANA

Decatur County

Main Street Greensburg
150 Courthouse Square* (Moving to
Decatur County Fairgrounds for
2020)
Greensburg, IN 47240
mainstreetgreensburg.com
Hours: 2-6 p.m. Fridays, May-October

Franklin/Ripley County

Batesville Farmers Market
121 Batesville Shopping Village
Batesville, IN 47006
www.facebook.com/BatesvilleFarmersMarket/
Hours: 7:30-11 a.m. Saturdays, early
May-mid October

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‘GREEN UP’ YOUR BACKYARD BARBECUE

Beautiful sunny days are practically an invitation to take your dining outdoors. Whether you’re hosting a big backyard party or having a simple family cookout, food just tastes better in the fresh air. But having your toes in the grass doesn’t mean you should stop thinking about your environmental footprint. Fortunately, it’s not hard to ‘green up’ your backyard barbecue! Here are seven easy ideas.

**Skip the plasticware.** Plastic cutlery can’t be recycled, so it all ends up in the landfill. (As many as 40 billion plastic utensils are wasted each year in the U.S. alone!) Besides, it’s no fun when your wimpy fork breaks while you’re trying to skewer some delicious food! Opt to use your regular flatware instead. Although it might increase your cleanup time, you’ll save money and help save the planet while keeping your party (or family meal) classy.

**Use “real” plates and cups.** Like disposable utensils, those throwaway paper or plastic plates and cups can really add up in the landfill. Invest in reusable dishes in materials that don’t break easily, such as stainless steel or wood. As an added bonus, think how much cooler your Instagram photos will look if your food isn’t on soggy paper plates!

**Don’t waste your leftovers.** Made too much food for a big get-together? Send your guests home with a generous helping of their favorite side dish so the leftovers don’t go to waste. Build upcoming meals around any leftover meats. (That grilled chicken would taste great on a salad or in pasta!)

**Consider the menu.** Do you have access to local and/or organic produce? (Check out our farmers’ market guide on pages 26-28 for ideas about where to buy local!) Use it to create some delicious dishes showcasing what’s in season. Consider adding some meat-free dishes to the menu to further lessen your environmental impact.

**Batch your beverages.** Rather than stuff a cooler with store-bought bottled waters, fill some (non-fragile) jugs with water that your guests can pour themselves. You might also make a batch of lemonade or cocktails and consider buying growlers or kegs of beer from your local brewery to cut down on single-use drink containers.

**Be recycle ready.** Make sure guests have a separate recycling can to toss whatever aluminum cans or plastic bottles you do accumulate.

**Upgrade your grill.** When it’s time for a new one, consider gas or electric -- or seek out sustainable charcoal -- for a cleaner burn.
It’s easier than you think to make your garden or porch a more inviting place for pollinators such as butterflies and honeybees.

**Small change, big impact.**

Planting for pollinators doesn’t have to be a major landscaping project. Start with a small space that you can manage and grow from there.

**It takes two.**

You’ll need a host plant and a nectar plant to start a pollinator garden. Host plants are necessary for moths and butterflies. Nectar plants provide nutrients for bees and other pollinators.

**No yard needed.**

Potted plants on a porch can be a happy habitat for pollinators.

**Feeding is good.**

Don’t panic if you see nibbles on some of your plants; that’s a good, healthy sign. Feeding means pollinators have found what you’ve planted.

**Aim for natives.**

There’s a wide range of plants that attract pollinators -- perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees. When possible, consider a native plant for your garden.
SUNLIGHT
Can pollinator gardens do well anywhere in a large yard, or do they prefer certain sun exposure?

This is a great question because most of us tend to (understandably) associate colorful flowers with full-on, direct sunlight. In actuality, however, there are a multitude of plant species that thrive in a variety of conditions, ranging from shady woodlands to open prairies. Half the fun is learning where plants thrive before putting them in the ground!

DRAINAGE
Can gardens be installed in areas with poor drainage?

Of course! Many pollinator-friendly plants flourish in areas with poor drainage and help reduce water runoff. For homeowners looking to beautify those bog-like patches in the backyard, rain gardens may be for you!

MAINTENANCE
You don't have to regularly mow a pollinator habitat, but what upkeep is required for it to thrive?

After the initial planting, we recommend occasional weeding around once a month. Annual mulch application (for the first few years) is also helpful with suppressing weed growth, retaining water and maintaining healthy soil composition. Once the pollinator habitat matures, ongoing maintenance becomes less of a requirement and more of an occasional touch-up to maintain a polished aesthetic.

AESTHETICS
Can pollinator gardens be pretty? What options do folks have for a colorful and flowery pollinator habitat?

Pollinator gardens are generally considered attractive by default because of the abundance of flowers and colorful wildlife it attracts. For those looking to prevent the "weedy" look generally associated with natural prairies, we recommend starting with a more structured plant layout.

The goal here is to combine aesthetics (what looks good to us) with function (what’s best for the ecosystem). Thinking in pairs or threes and being cognizant about heights, colors and shapes — all of these elements factor into creating the perfect centerpiece for a property that brings delight as opposed to a cry for help.
Feed your garden with your table scraps! It's easy to start a composting routine. You'll keep your trash can from smelling up your kitchen (and send less trash to the landfill!) while generating a nutrient-rich material for your yard. Here's how to start.

**KNOW WHAT GOES.**
Familiarize yourself with what you can and cannot compost at home. Fruit and veggie bits are great. Avoid meat, dairy and bones for basic home composting, as they tend to attract pests. Be sure you save your eggshells; they're great for your soil. Limit processed food in your compost as much as possible.

**UNDERSTAND YOUR SPACE.**
You don't need an expansive outdoor area, but you'll need to reach a critical mass of compostables for your efforts to be worthwhile. Let your space inform your compost bin selection.

**PICK YOUR BIN.**
There are plenty of composting container options. You can easily purchase stationary or rotating plastic bins, or you can build your own container from wire fencing or wooden pallets. Even an old trash can or five-gallon bucket can be fashioned into a composting bin. Regardless of your choice, your bin will need holes or openings for drainage and aeration.

**BRING ON THE BROWN.**
Introducing carbon-rich materials is a critical part of composting. Add dry leaves, pine needles, brown paper or straw to the food waste in your bin.

**WAIT A WHILE.**
Depending on the conditions, your compostables will break down at different rates. The more you turn your pile or bin, the more quickly you'll see results. Regardless, composting is a relatively slow process. Allow at least a couple of months to see results.
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