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| Vegetable | Start seeds indoors: | Start Seeds Outdoors | Cold Hardiness | When to Fertilize | When to Water |
| [Beans](http://www.almanac.com/plant/beans) | — | Anytime after | Tender | After heavy bloom and set of pods | Regularly, from start of pod to set |
| [Beets](http://www.almanac.com/plant/beets) | — | 3 before to 3 after | Half-hardy | At time of planting | Only during drought conditions |
| [Broccoli](http://www.almanac.com/plant/broccoli) | 6–8 | 2–3 before | Hardy | Three weeks after transplanting | Only during drought conditions |
| [Brussels sprouts](http://www.almanac.com/plant/brussels-sprouts) | 6–8 | — | Hardy | Three weeks after transplanting | At transplanting |
| [Cabbage](http://www.almanac.com/plant/cabbage) | 6–8 | 1 before to 1 after | Hardy | Three weeks after transplanting | Two to three weeks before harvest |
| [Carrots](http://www.almanac.com/plant/carrots) | — | 3–5 before | Half-hardy | Preferably in the fall for the following spring | Only during drought conditions |
| [Cauliflower](http://www.almanac.com/plant/cauliflower) | 6–8 | 1 before to 1after | Half-hardy | Three weeks after transplanting | Once, three weeks before harvest |
| [Celery](http://www.almanac.com/plant/celery) | 6–8 | — | Tender | At time of transplanting | Once a week |
| [Corn](http://www.almanac.com/plant/corn) | — | 2 after | Tender | When eight to ten inches tall, and again when first silk appears | When tassels appear and cobs start to swell |
| [Cucumbers](http://www.almanac.com/plant/cucumbers) | 2–4 | 1–2 after | Very tender | One week after bloom, and again three weeks later | Frequently, especially when fruits form |
| [Lettuce](http://www.almanac.com/plant/lettuce) | 4–6 | 1 before to 2 after | Half-hardy | Two to three weeks after transplanting | Once a week |
| [Melons](http://www.almanac.com/plant/cantaloupe) | 2–4 | 2 after | Very tender | One week after bloom, and again three weeks later | Once a week |
| [Onion sets](http://www.almanac.com/plant/onions) | — | 4 before | Hardy | When bulbs begin to swell, and again when plants are one foot tall | Only during drought conditions |
| [Parsnips](http://www.almanac.com/plant/parsnips) | — | 0–3 before | Hardy | One year before planting | Only during drought conditions |
| [Peas](http://www.almanac.com/plant/peas) | — | 4–6 before | Hardy | After heavy bloom and set of pods | Regularly, from start of pod to set |
| [Peppers](http://www.almanac.com/plant/bell-peppers) | 8–10 | — | Very tender | After first fruit-set | Once a week |
| [Potato tubers](http://www.almanac.com/plant/potatoes) | — | 0–2 after | Half-hardy | At bloom time or time of second hilling | Regularly, when tubers start to form |
| [Pumpkins](http://www.almanac.com/plant/pumpkins) | 2–4 | 1 after | Tender | Just before vines start to run, when plants are about one foot tall | Only during drought conditions |
| [Radishes](http://www.almanac.com/plant/radishes) | — | 1 before to 1 after | Hardy | Before spring planting | Once a week |
| [Spinach](http://www.almanac.com/plant/spinach) | — | 4–6 before | Hardy | When plants are one-third grown | Once a week |
| [Squash, summer](http://www.almanac.com/plant/squash-zucchini) | 2–4 | 1 after | Very tender | Just before vines start to run, when plants are about one foot tall | Only during drought conditions |
| [Squash, winter](http://www.almanac.com/plant/squash-zucchini) | 2–4 | 1 after | Tender | Just before vines start to run, when plants are about one foot tall | Only during drought conditions |
| [Tomatoes](http://www.almanac.com/plant/tomatoes) | 6–8 | — | Tender | Two weeks before, and after first picking | Twice a week |