



Zone 5a  
Garden  
Planner

*How much space do you have?*

*How much sunlight do you get?*

*How much time do you want to spend?*

*How much money do you want to spend?*

*How will you deter pests?*

*What are your gardening goals?*

*Start slow and expand your garden as your skills and knowledge grow.*





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## First and last freeze & frost dates for Dundee, IL ,60118 United States

Each winter, on average, your risk of frost is from **October 4 through May 4**.

Almost certainly, however, you **will** receive frost from October 14 through April 17.

You are almost guaranteed that you **will not** get frost from May 21 through September 23.

Your frost-free growing season is around 153 days.

*Detailed station data\* follows:*

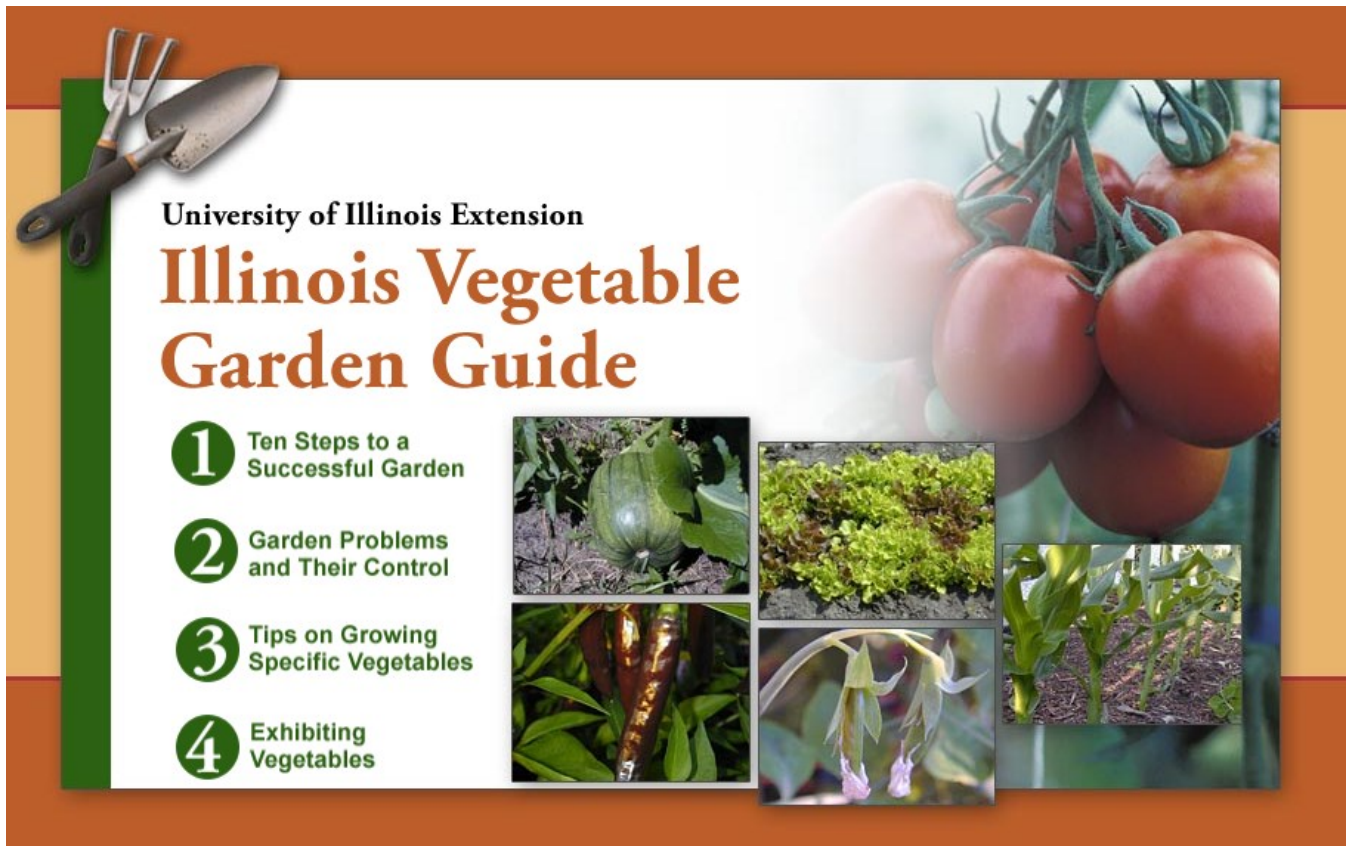
Marengo, IL (Mchenry county):

Temperature	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
Spring 32°	May 21	May 15	May 11	May 8	May 4	May 1	Apr 27	Apr 23	Apr 17
Spring 28°	May 6	May 1	Apr 27	Apr 24	Apr 21	Apr 18	Apr 15	Apr 11	Apr 6
Spring 24°	Apr 21	Apr 17	Apr 14	Apr 12	Apr 10	Apr 7	Apr 5	Apr 2	Mar 29
Fall 32°	Sep 23	Sep 27	Sep 29	Oct 2	Oct 4	Oct 6	Oct 8	Oct 11	Oct 14
Fall 28°	Sep 26	Oct 3	Oct 7	Oct 11	Oct 14	Oct 18	Oct 22	Oct 26	Oct 31
Fall 24°	Oct 13	Oct 18	Oct 22	Oct 25	Oct 29	Oct 31	Nov 3	Nov 7	Nov 12

Barrington 1 Nw, IL (Lake county):

Temperature	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
Spring 32°	May 21	May 14	May 9	May 5	May 1	Apr 28	Apr 24	Apr 19	Apr 12
Spring 28°	May 6	May 1	Apr 27	Apr 23	Apr 20	Apr 17	Apr 13	Apr 9	Apr 4
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<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/vegguide/>



The cover features a green vertical bar on the left with a garden fork and trowel. The main title is in large brown font. Below the title are four numbered items, each with a small image: 1. Ten Steps to a Successful Garden (image of a watermelon), 2. Garden Problems and Their Control (image of green leafy plants), 3. Tips on Growing Specific Vegetables (image of a carrot), and 4. Exhibiting Vegetables (image of purple flowers). A large image of tomatoes is on the right.

University of Illinois Extension  
**Illinois Vegetable Garden Guide**

- 1 Ten Steps to a Successful Garden
- 2 Garden Problems and Their Control
- 3 Tips on Growing Specific Vegetables
- 4 Exhibiting Vegetables

[https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/kitchen-garden-planner/kgp\\_home.html](https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/kitchen-garden-planner/kgp_home.html)

## Kitchen Garden Planner



Use square-foot gardening techniques to create a raised bed garden

With our free online planner, you can get the blueprints to a super-productive vegetable garden, based on square-foot gardening techniques instead of traditional rows.

Click the **Pre-Planned Gardens** to get a quick start. Choose from 26 options, including many designed just for elevated raised beds.

To create your own garden, click **Plan Your Own Garden**. Just drag and drop crops to the planting grid and the planner fills in the number of plants.



The button is green with white text. To its right is an image of a wooden raised garden bed filled with various vegetables like tomatoes and leafy greens.

**Pre-Planned Gardens**

Choose from garden plans, complete with instructions and printable maps.

PRE-PLANNED GARDENS



The button is green with white text. To its right is a grid of small plant icons. A red diagonal banner with white text "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" is overlaid on the image.

**Design Your Garden**

Create your own garden with our easy design tool!

PLAN YOUR OWN GARDEN

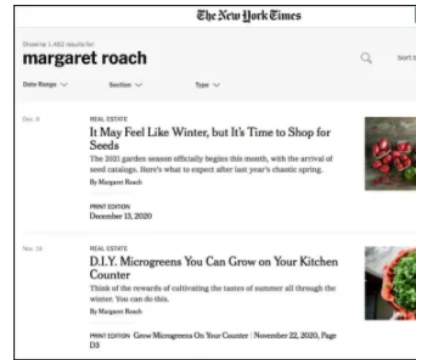
UNDER CONSTRUCTION



WHEN TO START SEEDS



MY 'NY TIMES' COLUMNS



## a spring garden calculator

Select your final spring frost date:

Crop Name <a href="#">select crops...</a>	Weeks Indoors Before Transplant	Transplant (Or Sow) Date, Relative To Final Frost	Sow Indoors From-To	Transplant (Or Sow)
<b>Vegetables</b>				
Arugula	Direct Sow Only	4 Weeks Before	-	7-Apr
Beans (Bush Or Pole)	Direct Sow Only	At Frost Date	-	5-May
Beets*	5 To 6	2 Weeks Before	10-Mar To 17-Mar	21-Apr
Broccoli	4 To 6	2 Weeks Before	10-Mar To 24-Mar	21-Apr
Cabbage	4 To 6	2 To 4 Weeks Before	24-Feb To 24-Mar	7-Apr To 21-Apr
Carrot	Direct Sow Only	2 To 3 Weeks Before	-	14-Apr To 21-Apr

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## When to Start Seeds: Your Guide to Spring Planting

Last Updated July 22nd, 2020 by [Amy](#) — [4 Comments](#)



Whether you want to start seeds indoors or sow seeds outdoors, this spring guide covers planting times for 30 popular crops. Kick off your season on time!



### When Should I Start Seeds?

The following table indicates when to start seeds relative to your spring frost date.

Example: Start lettuce seeds, indoors, 6 weeks before your spring frost date.

[Click here](#) to find your spring frost date. Need help getting started? Get my [step-by-step guide to starting seeds indoors](#).

Crop Name	Indoor Start Date	Transplant Earliest Date	Transplant Latest Date	Direct Sow Outdoors
Beans	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 week after
Beets	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 weeks before
Broccoli	9 weeks before	2 weeks before	N/A	2 weeks before
Brussels sprouts	6 weeks before	2 weeks before	9 weeks after	2 weeks before

# Seeds



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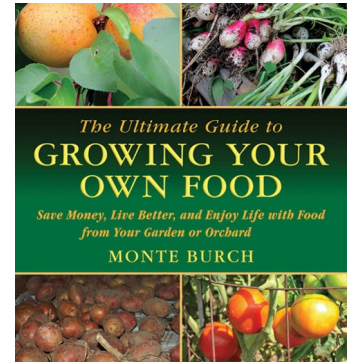
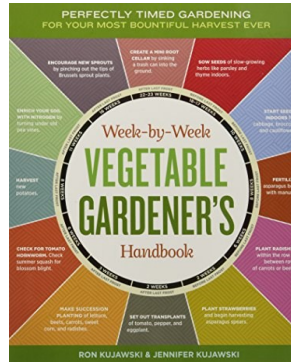
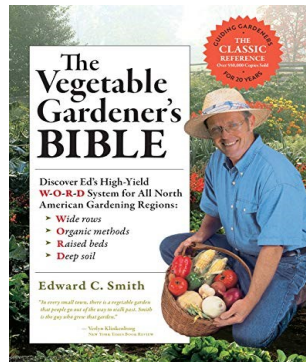
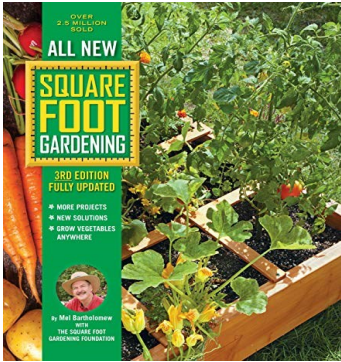
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DIFFERENCE

100%

SATISFACTION  
GUARANTEED

NON-GMO  
SINCE 1876

# Books



All New Square Foot Gardening

Bartholomew Mel

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The Vegetable Gardener's Bible

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Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook

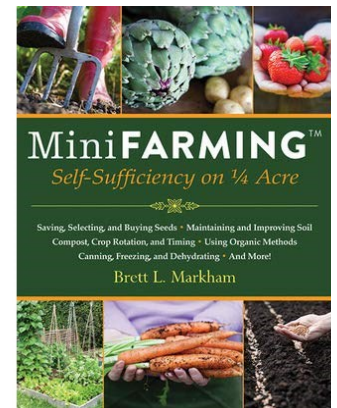
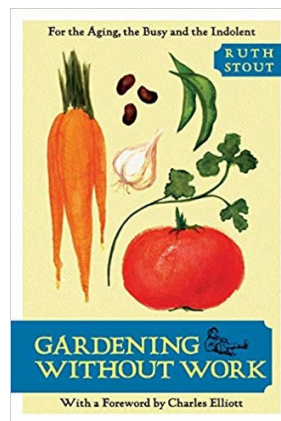
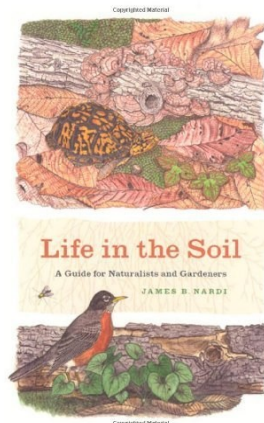
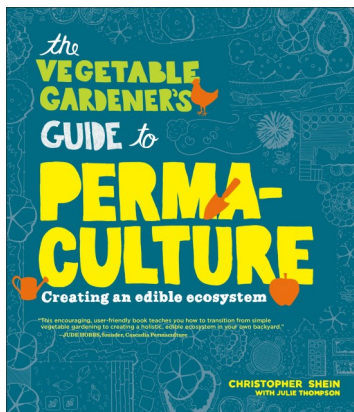
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