



What to plant each month in Southern California.

Twelve months of vegetables for the coast and inland valleys, from the San Diego County Master Gardener planting guide.

1 January: peas and onions



- Plants: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower
- Seed: peas, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach
- Medium-day bulb onions, coast and inland

2 February: last winter plants



- Last month for broccoli and cabbage plants
- Seed: peas, carrots, beets, chard, kale
- Seed potatoes: coast now, inland mid-month

3 March: coast warms up



- Coast: tomato plants; mid-month beans, squash
- Both: potatoes, peas, chard, leaf lettuce
- Inland: last month for carrots and spinach

4 April: summer crops open



- Plants: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant
- Seed: beans, corn, cucumbers, squash, melons
- Coast adds sweet potatoes; last month for kale

5 May: keep planting summer



- Tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash, cucumbers
- Inland: sweet potato plants, May to June
- Coast: last beets, radishes, turnips

6 June: last call for melons



- Last month: melons, watermelon, okra, eggplant
- Inland: last tomato and pepper plants
- Coast: beans, corn, cucumbers keep going

7 July: final summer sowing



- Last month: corn, cucumbers, lima beans
- Coast: final tomato and pepper plants
- Snap beans and summer squash still go in

8 August: start the winter garden



- Seed: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower
- Seed potatoes from mid-August
- Last snap beans; coast, last summer squash

9 September: the big planting



- Seed: lettuce, carrots, beets, radishes, kale
- Plants: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower
- Coast: peas now; inland waits until January

10 October: bulb onions go in



- Short-day bulb onions; inland from mid-month
- Keep sowing lettuce, carrots, spinach
- Inland: last month for broccoli, cabbage seed

11 November: greens and roots



- Lettuce, spinach, chard, kale, carrots, beets
- Plants: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower
- Short-day onions; peas on the coast

12 December: winter keeps growing



- Last month for short-day bulb onions
- Coast: last broccoli and cabbage from seed
- Lettuce, spinach, radishes; peas on the coast

Cool crops in fall, warm crops in spring. Something goes in the ground every month of the year.

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