

SEED STARTING GUIDE FOR SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

Type Key: A = annual, B = bulb, HH = half hardy, P = perennial. T = tender, V = vegetable

Date: Type Plant transplant out: Special needs:

January:

TP	begonia	late May	needs light
TP	coleus	late May	needs light, warmth
A/P	dianthus	mid May	
TP	pelargonium (geranium)	early May	needs light
V	onion	late April	easy to transplant, lower germination rates
TP	perennial grasses (carex, coolio, stipa)		needs light

February 1:

A	ageratum	mid May	needs light
TP	impatiens	late May	needs light, warmth
A	lobelia	mid May	needs light
TP	petunia	late April	needs light
A	salvia	mid May	needs light

February 15:

TB	canna	late May	needs warmth
V	celeriac/celery	mid May	needs light
A	gazania	mid May	needs dark
A	nicotiana	mid May	needs light, good air circulation
A	snapdragon	late April	freeze seed at least 48 hours before planting, needs light
A	verbena	mid May	needs dark

March 1:

V	artichoke/cardoon	mid May	alternate temps (cold/warm) to promote early budding
V	broccoli	late April	grow cool
V	cabbage	late April	grow cool
TB	dahlia	late May	needs warmth
HHP	dioscorea	late May	
A	gomphrena	late May	
A/P	rudbeckia	early June	
A	vinca	mid May	

March 15:

A	alyssum seed	late April	
A	basil	late May	needs warmth
A	celosia	late May	needs warmth
V	eggplant	late May	needs warmth
A	parsley	late April	soak seed 24 -48 hours before planting, grow cool
V	peppers	early June	needs warmth
A	sweet pea	late April	soak seed 24 hours before planting, needs dark
P	thyme	early May	

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April 1:

A	most annual grasses	late May	needs light
V	brussels sprouts	mid June	grow cool
A	fennel	early May	
V	kale	early May	grow cool
V	kohlrabi	early May	
V	lettuce	late April	needs light
A	marigold	mid May	
A	morning glory	late May	soak seed 24 hours before planting
V	rutabaga	early May	
V	swiss chard	early May	
V	tomatillo	early June	needs warmth
V	tomato	late May	needs warmth
A	zinnia	late May	needs warmth

April 15:

V	cucumbers	late May	needs warmth
A	gourd	late May	needs warmth
V	melons	late May	needs warmth
A	nasturtium	late May	
A	sunflower	mid May	
V	zucchini	mid to late May	needs warmth

May 1:

V	pumpkin	late May	needs warmth
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June 1:

V	cauliflower	mid June	grow cool
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July 1:

V	lettuce	early August	needs light, grow cool
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