

# SCHOOL GARDEN PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Toledo GROWS Community Garden Resources

A quick guide for garden leaders to make the most of your school garden as an educational experience.

	March	Early to Mid-April	Mid-May to Late-May		July - September	October – Early November
Activities	Start seeds indoors to plant outside after May 15.  Plant in pots; care for them in classroom until planting outside.	Sow seeds outdoors directly in garden.  Weed garden beds before planting.  Plant seeds; water and care for plants.	Sow seeds outdoors and plant seedlings started indoors in March.  Plant and water until summer break.  Summer staff/volunteers tend and harvest until students return.		Sow seeds outdoors directly in the garden - in August when students and teachers return.  Cover plants if frost or freeze is predicted.	Clean out old vegetable plants and weeds in beds.  Add 1-2 inches compost in each bed.
What to Plant	Eggplant Peppers Tomatoes	Beets Lettuce Broccoli Onion Carrots Peas Cauliflower Radish Early Cabbage Spinach Turnips Kale	** Beets Cantaloupe Carrots Herbs Potatoes Summer squash Watermelon Zucchini	Gourds Pumpkins Sunflowers Winter squash  Native plants (see below)	Beets Broccoli Carrots Early Cabbage Kale Lettuce Radish Snap Peas Spinach	
Harvest	July through September	Mid-May through Mid-June	July through September	August through October	Late September through October	
Perennials	Plant perennials once in the spring, and they grow back every year.	Everbearing strawberries to harvest summer through early fall Twice bearing raspberries and blackberry bushes to harvest in mid-summer and again in mid fall Herbs: chives, mint, oregano, sage, thyme to harvest throughout the summer		Plant flowering native plants to encourage pollinators to visit the garden -more pollination means more produce. Black-eyed Susan, Blazing Star, Butterfly Weed, Foxglove, Sneezeweed, Purple Coneflowers		

For best results, follow the specific instructions on each seed packet.

\*\*Plants listed here could also be started from seeds in the classroom in mid-April and planted outdoors in Mid-May.

Please check out our website for additional Tip Sheets on:

- Plant Spacing
- Seed Starting
- Weed Strategies
- Watering Tips
- Building Your Compost Pile
- Maintaining a Productive Compost Area

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