

Seed Starting Time

Most exciting news.....
seeds want to grow and know
exactly what to do.
We're just here to help!

Seed packages tell all!
And try seed catalogs

Plant	Start Indoors	Transplant Outdoors
Parsley	March 1	May 1
Broccoli	March 15	May 1
Cabbage	March 15	May 1
Cauliflower	March 15	May 1
Eggplant	March 15	May 1
Peppers	April 1	June 1
Okra	April 15	June 1
Tomatoes	April 15	June 1
Basil	April 15	June 1
Marigolds	April 15	May 20
Muskmelon	April 15	May 20
Pumpkin	May 1	May 20
Winter Squash	May 1	May 20

Seed Starting Basics

Depth	Not too deep, generally 2-3 x diameter of seed. Seed packages give good info
Heat (not sun)	So key for germination, bottom heat is the best, top of fridge, heating pad, lights
Moisture	Damp potting soil for seed then mist only till sprouts. Think greenhouse!
Germination	Label with type and date planted so you know when they should sprout.

Things to keep in mind

- Grow what you love to eat
- Seedlings are **baby** plants and need daily care and attention
- Seeds start in a variety of containers, be creative
- Good potting mix makes a difference
- Try a Rubbermaid container for your soil and to moisten it (damp sponge)
- Seedlings need 8-12 hrs of light & damp not wet soil
- As they grow, may need potting up (larger container)
- Hardening off is essential for transition to outdoor life
- Less is more, start fewer seeds and make it fun & successful

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