

# SPRING PLANTING GUIDE 2012

**Suggested Varieties:** Sweet Spanish, Walla Walla Sweet, Yellow Ebenezer, Red Burgermaster, Redwing.

## PARSLEY

**Cultivation:** Plant seeds or transplants March-June. Sow seeds 1/2 inch deep, 2-3 seeds per inch. Final spacing should be 8-10 inches.

**Soil/Sun:** Well-drained soil, full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Giant Italian, Curled Dwarf.

## PARSNIPS

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2 inch deep, 1 inch apart, April-July. Thin to 3-4 inches. Using fresh manure or high-nitrogen fertilizer will produce hairy roots. Hardy parsnips develop their best flavor after overwintering through many frosts.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, well-drained, fertile soil free of stones. Heavy clay soil can cause crooked or cracked roots. Full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Gladiator, All American.

## PEAS

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1 inch deep, 1 inch apart in a 3-inch-wide band; space these rows 18 inches apart. Support with a trellis. Don't use high-nitrogen fertilizer.

**Soil/Sun:** Well-drained soil, pH 6.0-7.0. Full sun to light shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Snow Peas: Oregon Sugar Pod, Oregon Giant. Sugar Snap Peas: Cascadia, Sugar Snap.

## PEPPERS

**Cultivation:** Plant transplants May-June, 12-18 inches apart. Black plastic mulch will speed early growth and help warm the soil.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, fertile, well-drained soil, full sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Sweet Bell: California Wonder, Gypsy. Hot: Anaheim, Jalapeno, Ancho.

## POTATOES

**Cultivation:** Plant spuds starting on St. Patrick's Day through June. Space 10-12 inches in rows 2 feet apart. Hill up soil over the growing foliage or mulch with straw to increase yields.

**Soil/Sun:** Potatoes prefer loose, well-drained, acidic soil (pH 4.8-5.5) and full sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Yukon Gold, White Rose, Yellow Finn, Purple Peruvian, Red Pontiac.

## PUMPKINS

**Cultivation:** Plant transplants late May-early June in hills 4 feet apart. Water generously. Black plastic mulch can speed growth.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, fertile, well-drained soil, pH 5.8-6.8, with full sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Frosty, Small Sugar, Spirit, Cinderella.

## RADISH

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2 inch deep, 1/2 inch apart, March-August. Thin to 1-1/2 inches. Radishes require plentiful, consistent watering.

**Soil/Sun:** Fertile, well-drained soil free of stones, pH 5.8-6.8. Full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Cherry Belle, Allaglobe, French Breakfast.



## RUTABAGA

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2 inch deep, 2 inches apart, June-July 15. Thin to 6 inches. Flavor improves after frost.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, well-drained soil, pH above 6.0. Tolerates low fertility. Full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Marian, Laurentian.

## SPINACH

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2 inch deep, 1 inch apart, March-August. Thin to 6-12 inches by harvesting baby greens. Water generously; dry soil and heat encourage bolting.

**Soil/Sun:** Rich, well-drained soil. Sensitive to acidic soils; pH 6.5-7.5. Full to partial sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Olympia, Bloomsdale, Tye, Skookum.

## SUMMER SQUASH, ZUCCHINI

**Cultivation:** Plant seeds or transplants May 15-June 15. Sow seeds 1/2-1 inch deep in hills, 4-5 seeds per hill. Space hills 3-4 feet; thin seedlings to 2 per hill. Requires consistent watering for good fruit set. Black plastic mulch speeds growth. Seeds will rot in cold, wet ground.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, fertile, well-drained soil, pH 5.8-6.8, full sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Squash: Yellow Crookneck, Sunburst, Butterstick. Zucchini: Gold Rush, Spacemiser.

## WINTER SQUASH

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2-1 inch deep in hills, 4-5 seeds per hill, May 15-June 15. Space hills 4-6 feet; thin seedlings to 2 per hill.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, fertile, well-drained soil, pH 5.8-6.8, full sun.

**Suggested Varieties:** Gold Nugget, Acorn, Zenith Butternut, Waltham Butternut, Spaghetti.

## SWISS CHARD

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/2-1 inch deep, 2-6 inches apart, April-July. Thin to 6-12 inches. Harvest leaves throughout the season to encourage new growth.

**Soil/Sun:** Loose, fertile, well-drained soil, pH 6.0-7.0. Full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Rhubarb, Fordhook Giant, Bright Lights.

## TOMATOES



**Cultivation:** Plant transplants May-June. Space determinate varieties 18-24 inches; space indeterminate varieties 20-30 inches. Place transplants with the lower leaf set just above soil level. Tomatoes should be staked or supported by a trellis.

**Soil/Sun:** Fertile, well-drained soil with full sun. Clays and loams produce higher yields, but loose soil warms faster and provides an earlier harvest. Prefers pH 6.0-6.8 but will tolerate acidic soils.

**Suggested Varieties:** Early: Oregon Spring, Willamette VF, Medford, Big Beef, Early Cascade. Sauce: Oregon Star, Principe Borghese. Cherry: Gold Nugget, Sun Gold, Isis Candy.

## TURNIPS

**Cultivation:** Sow seeds 1/4-1/2 inch deep, 1 inch apart, April-September. Thin to 4-6 inches. Flavor best if harvested during cool weather.

**Soil/Sun:** Fertile, loose, well-drained soil, pH 6.0-7.5. Full sun to partial shade.

**Suggested Varieties:** Purple Top White Globe, Scarlet Ball, Shogoin (greens).

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