



HOW TO READ THE CALENDAR

W Warm climate
C Cool climate

SOW Sow seeds
PLANT Plant seedlings
SOW OR PLANT Sow seeds or plant seedlings

* **START UNDER COVER** Start seeds in trays about 6 weeks earlier
⌚ **SUCCESSION SOW** Sow a few every 2–3 weeks for a longer harvest

CROP	W/C	SUMMER			AUTUMN			WINTER			SPRING			GROWING TIPS
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Asparagus	W C					PLANT	PLANT							Plant crowns • No picking for the first two years while the plant establishes
Beans	W C	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT								SOW	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	Harvest through summer • Support climbing varieties
Beetroot	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 8–12 weeks • Thin seedlings for good root growth • Use young leaves in salads
Broad beans	W C				SOW	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT							Harvest 13–17 weeks • Support to 1 m • Harvest early for sweet, tender beans
Broccoli	W C		SOW	PLANT	PLANT									Harvest 9–13 weeks • Pick heads while tight, before flowering
Brussels sprouts	W C			SOW	PLANT	PLANT								Harvest 12–14 weeks • Take lower sprouts first to keep them coming
Cabbage	W C		SOW	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT									Harvest 13–21 weeks • Water regularly • Pick when heads are compact and solid
Capsicum	W C	PLANT										PLANT	PLANT	Let fruit fully mature on the plant • Harvest through summer as they ripen
Carrots	W C	SOW	SOW						SOW	SOW				Harvest 12–16 weeks • Sow direct • Thin early
Cauliflower	W C		SOW	PLANT	PLANT									Harvest 10–17 weeks • Pick while heads are white and firm
Celery	W C	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 11–16 weeks • Keep the water up or stalks go stringy
Courgettes	W C								SOW	SOW OR PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest through summer into autumn • Pick young and often
Cucumber	W C	PLANT								SOW	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest through summer • Train up a trellis
Eggplant / Aubergine	W C										SOW	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest Feb onwards • Needs a warm, sheltered spot
Garlic	W C					PLANT	PLANT							Harvest once tops dry off • Plant cloves pointy end up at 5 cm deep
Kale	W C	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	PLANT	PLANT				SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	Harvest 7–9 weeks • Hardy winter plant • Pick outer leaves first
Leeks	W C		SOW	PLANT	PLANT									Harvest 15–20 weeks • Pull when stems are approx 2 cm thick
Lettuce / Salad Greens	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 6–8 weeks • Sow a little, often • Choose bolt-resistant varieties in summer
Onions	W C		SOW	PLANT	PLANT									Harvest 6–8 months • Lift when green tops fall over and start yellowing
Pak Choi / Bok Choy	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 6–11 weeks • Pick young tender leaves, or take the whole plant
Peas	W C	SOW	SOW				SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	Harvest 9–11 weeks • Support climbing varieties • Pick regularly for more pods
Potatoes	W C							PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest 13–22 weeks • Use certified seed potatoes • Mound soil around plants as they grow
Pumpkin	W C	SOW							SOW		PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	Harvest late summer • Give vines room to spread • Water well as fruit develops
Radish	W C	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 4–5 weeks • Sow direct • Pick young for best flavour
Rocket	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 4–6 weeks • Sow every 2 weeks • Bolts quickly in hot, dry weather
Silverbeet	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 7–12 weeks • Takes cold and heat • Pick outer leaves first for new growth
Spinach	W C	SOW	SOW	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	SOW OR PLANT	Harvest 8–10 weeks • Bolts in hot, dry weather • Pick outer leaves first for new growth
Spring Onions / Scallions	W C	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	SOW OR PLANT ANY TIME OF YEAR	Harvest 8–13 weeks • Pick young for tender stems
Sweetcorn	W C										SOW	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest 8–13 weeks • Plant in blocks for better pollination • Water well as cobs develop
Tomatoes	W C									SOW	PLANT	PLANT	PLANT	Harvest through summer • Stake early • Pinch out laterals, except on dwarf varieties

FRUIT FOR THE HOME GARDEN plant once, pick for years

Apples / Pears
PLANT Jun–Aug
• Plant bare-rooted in winter
• Prune while dormant

Raspberries
PLANT Jun–Sept
• Plant canes in winter
• Needs wires or a frame

Blueberries
PLANT May–Sept
• Needs acidic soil, use Daltons Azalea & Camellia Mix

Rhubarb
PLANT Jun–Sept
• Plant crowns in winter
• Never eat the leaves

Citrus
PLANT Sep–Nov
• Warm, sheltered, frost-free
• Feed spring and summer

Stonefruit
PLANT Jun–Aug
• Plant in winter
• Avoid pruning in wet weather

Feijoa
PLANT Mar–May
• Plant two varieties for a much heavier crop

Strawberries
PLANT Apr–Aug
• Replace plants every 2–3 years
• mulch to keep fruit clean

Passionfruit
PLANT Oct–Jan
• Warm north wall and a strong frame
• Fruits at 18 months

Tamarillo
PLANT Oct–Dec
• Fruits in its second year
• Shelter from wind and frost

The right start

Different growing spaces need different products. Here's what to use where.



Sowing seed
Use Daltons Premium Seed Raising Mix in trays or cells, or line a direct-sowing furrow with 3–5 cm of mix.



In the garden
Start with loose, workable soil. Dig Daltons Garden Time Compost through the bed 2–4 weeks before you sow or plant.



In raised beds
Fill with Daltons Premium Garden Mix, an enriched planting mix, and plant the same day.



In pots and containers
Start each season with fresh Daltons Premium Potting Mix.



On top, year round
Mulch beds and pots with Daltons Premium Mulch & Feed to smother weeds, shelter roots and feed as it breaks down.



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This is a guide only. Sowing, planting and harvest times vary with variety, region and seasonal conditions, so check your seed packet or seedling label for specific timings. Sheltered northern gardens may run a few weeks ahead of the warm-climate bars; frost-prone inland areas a few weeks behind the cool-climate bars.