

Zone 9b Coastal Planting Calendar

Vegetables, part one - when to sow, start and set out under the fog

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Life unfolding gently under the redwoods

S Sow seed in place **I** Start seed indoors **T** Transplant / plant out

CROP	JA	FE	MR	AP	MY	JN	JL	AU	SE	OC	NO	DE	NOTES FOR OUR CLIMATE
Artichoke	T	T	T					T	T	T		T	Bare root. Perennial - 'Green Globe' is the coastal standard.
Asparagus	T	T	T									T	Crowns. Productive 15+ years; no real harvest until year 3.
Beans, bush & pole					S	S	S						Sow every 2-3 weeks to mid-July. Sets poorly above 80F.
Beets		S	S	S	S	S	S						'Chioggia', 'Detroit Dark Red'. Thin to 3 in. or you get greens, not roots.
Bok choy		S	S						S	S	S		Bolts in heat. Slugs find it before you do - bait or collar it.
Broccoli	I	T	T			I		T				I	Spring: 'Calabrese'. Fall: 'Waltham 29'. Start seed 6-8 wks before transplant.
Brussels sprouts				I	I	I	T	T					Long-season types must be in the ground by July 1.
Cabbage	I	T	T				I	T	T	T			Can transplant any month except Dec-Jan. 'January King' for fall.
Carrots		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S				Feb-Jun for summer, Jul-Sep for winter. 'Danvers 1/2 Long' for heavy soil.
Cauliflower	I	T	T	T	I	I	T	T				I	Short-season: 'Snow Crown'. Long-season: 'Emeraude' for winter heads.
Celery	I	I	I	T	T	T							Give it afternoon shade and more water than you think.
Chard			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			'Bright Lights'. Cut outer leaves and one planting runs over a year.
Corn, sweet				S	S	S	S						Short-season varieties only in fog. Plant in blocks, never single rows.
Cucumber			I	I	I	T							'Marketmore 76' holds off powdery mildew longest.
Eggplant	I	I			T								Wants heat - set out after April 15, ideally against a warm wall.
Endive & radicchio	I	I	T				T	T					Fall planting mellows the bitterness considerably.
Garlic	T	T								T	T	T	Plant Oct 15 - Feb 15. Fall planting makes bigger bulbs. Harvest Jun-Jul.
Kohlrabi						S	S						Harvest at 2-3 in. across. Any bigger and it turns woody.
Leeks	S	S	S									I	Hill soil up the stems as they grow for long white shanks.