

# Zone 9b Coastal Planting Calendar

Vegetables, part two - onions through watermelon

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Life unfolding gently under the redwoods

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

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| Lettuce, head           |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | T  |    |    |    |    |    | 'Great Lakes' holds longest through a warm spell.                             |
| Lettuce, leaf & romaine |    | S  | S  | S  |    |    | S  | S  | S  |    |    |    | Sow a short row every 3 weeks. 'Little Gem', 'Red Sails'.                     |
| Melons & cantaloupe     |    |    | I  | T  | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Marginal this close to the coast. 'Halona' is the best bet.                   |
| Onions, bulbing         |    | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | I  | I  | I  | Set out seedlings mid-February for large bulbs.                               |
| Onions, green           |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  |    |    | Sow a pinch every few weeks Feb-Oct and never buy scallions again.            |
| Parsnip                 |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  |    |    |    | Cold weather sweetens them. Slow to germinate - keep soil damp 3 weeks.       |
| Peas                    |    | S  | S  |    |    |    |    |    |    | S  | S  | S  | 'Super Sugar Snap'. October sowing is our single best pea crop.               |
| Peppers, sweet & hot    |    | I  | I  |    | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Don't set out until night temps stay above 45F.                               |
| Potatoes, white         |    | T  | T  | T  | T  | T  | T  | T  |    |    |    |    | Certified seed potatoes only. Wire the bed bottom first - gophers love these. |
| Potatoes, sweet         |    |    | I  |    | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Start slips about March 15, set out around May 1.                             |
| Pumpkins                |    |    |    |    | S  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 'Small Sugar' for pie, 'Jack-Be-Little' for the kids.                         |
| Radish                  |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | The one crop you can sow year-round here. 28 days seed to harvest.            |
| Rhubarb                 |    | T  | T  | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Bare root. 'Victoria' copes better with our mild winters.                     |
| Spinach                 |    | S  |    | S  | S  |    |    |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | Bolts fast once it warms. 'Bloomsdale Long Standing' for fall.                |
| Squash, summer          |    |    |    | S  | S  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 'Dunja' and 'Success PM' resist powdery mildew weeks longer.                  |
| Squash, winter          |    |    |    |    | S  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Needs the whole season. 'Butterbush' if you're short on room.                 |
| Tomatoes                |    | I  | I  |    | T  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Out after May 1. Fog-tolerant: 'San Francisco Fog', 'Early Girl'.             |
| Turnips                 |    | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  | S  |    |    |    |    | 'Hakurei' is sweet enough to eat raw off the plant.                           |
| Watermelon              |    |    |    | I  | S  | S  |    |    |    |    |    |    | Only in your warmest, most sheltered spot. 'Sugar Baby'.                      |