

# Ground Up Annual Planting & Harvest Plan

|            | What to plant and sow- outside<br>(includes planning)  | What to plant and sow – under cover   | Harvesting   |
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| <b>Jan</b> | Clean and tidy the shed, tools and trays etc   |   | Sprouting Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Leeks, Parsnips, Swede, Turnips, Winter Cabbage, Kale, Cauliflower |
|            | Clean and tidy greenhouse  |   | 'In Ground' stored root veg – Parsnips, Carrots, Swede   |
|            | Plan vegetable crop rotation plan for coming year  |   | Chard, Spinach, Parsley  |
|            | Prune any apple/ pear trees (until March)  |   |  |
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| <b>Feb</b> | Turn the compost heap and sieve soil to use as potting compost and covering the raised beds to feed the soil |   | Sprouting Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Leeks, Parsnips, Swede, Turnips, Winter Cabbage, Kale, Cauliflower |
|            | Add compost to raised beds   |   | 'In Ground' stored root veg – Parsnips, Carrots  |
|            | Prune out last summer's raspberry canes  |   | Harvest - Chard, Spinach, Parsley  |
|            | 'Chit' 1st early potatoes for planting end of Mar  |   |  |
|            | <b>Plant outside</b> – Onion, Shallot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Beetroot<br>Broad beans sown in milder areas.       | <b>Week 3</b><br>Plant under cover - Spring onions, Lettuce, Spinach, Coriander, Early cabbage, Broccoli, Broad beans, Peas for shoots, Parsley<br>Early Peas, Aubergine, Peppers, Chillies |  |
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| <b>March</b> | Tidy older Strawberry plants or plant out  | <b>Week 1-</b> Peppers, Aubergine, Chillies   | Winter greens and winter salad.  |
|              | Sow radish before end of March to reduce flea beetle damaging leaves for salad (you can sow again in Aug)  | <b>Week 2 –</b> Beetroot, Onions, Radish, Turnips   | Harvest - Chard, Spinach, Parsley  |
|              | <b>Week 2</b> Good days for catch-up sowing <b>inside or outside</b> - Lettuce, Spinach, Early cabbage, Cauliflower, Calabrese, Peas for shoots, Onion & Shallot sets<br>Herbs: Coriander, Parsley | <b>Week 3</b> Good days for catch-up sowing <b>inside or outside</b> - Lettuce, Spinach, Early cabbage, Cauliflower, Calabrese, Peas for shoots, Onion & shallot sets. Coriander, Parsley | Sprouting broccoli, Sprouts, Leeks, Parsnip, Swede, Turnips, Winter cabbage, Kale, Cauliflower |
|              | <b>Last week March</b> – 1st early potatoes, onion sets, parsnips, carrots   | <b>Week 3</b> - In pots in heated greenhouse/ propagator or inside on warm sunny window sill – Tomatoes, aubergine, chilli, peppers, peas for pods  |  |
|              | Blackberries beginning of the month. Bare rooted fruit trees and bushes  |   |  |
|              | Prune Gooseberry bushes. Cover any fruit bushes before frost   |   |  |
| <b>April</b> | <b>Week 3</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Early & maincrop potatoes  | Herbs in pots or modules  | Harvest - Chard, Spinach, Parsley, Basil   |
|              | Broad beans plants if sown indoors   | <b>Week 3</b> - top catchup sowing days - Sweetcorn, squash, courgettes, pumpkin in pots  |  |
|              | Beetroot, Carrots, Parsnips, Chard, Spinach, Raddish   | Salad leaves short rooted carrots   |  |

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|               | Last chance for bare rooted trees and shrubs.  | Tomatoes, Peppers, Courgettes in pots in heated greenhouse/propagator or inside on a warm sunny window-sill. |   |
| <b>May</b>    | Early May - maincrop Potatoes  | Aubergine, Tomatoes, Courgette, Squash, Pumpkin, Sweetcorn   | Harvest - Chard, spinach, parsley               |
|               | Salad crops e.g. Lettuce, Salad leaves, Carrots, Parsnips and Peas                                     | Leaf beet, Beetroot, Chard, Lettuce winter Brassica  |   |
|               | Courgette, Squash, Sweetcorn   | French, Climbing beans   |   |
|               | Sow single season runner & French beans  |  |   |
|               | End of May when clear of frost plant out any modules started off indoors                               |  |   |
|               | Prepare planters for summer planting<br>Protect any berry bushes with bird netting.                    |  |   |
| <b>June</b>   | Plant out Sweetcorn, Courgette, Brassicas, Leeks   | <b>Week 1</b> Sowing of lettuce  | Early variety Carrots, Potatoes, Lettuce & Peas |
| <b>Summer</b> | Sow winter Cabbage, Cauliflower and other winter Brassicas e.g. Kale                                   |  | Harvest - Chard, Spinach, Parsley               |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> crop sowing – carrots, French beans, Turnips, Peas, Beetroot, Swede, Turnip, Sweetcorn |  |   |
|               | Plan summer holiday watering / picking   |  |   |
| <b>July</b>   | Sow winter brassica  | Week 3 to 4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> sowing of lettuce  |   |
|               | Continue sowing winter crops   |  |   |
|               | Plant outwinter brassica   |  |   |

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|                     | Plant out leeks   |   |   |
|                     | Prune any establish stone fruit trees e.g. cherries, plums  |   |   |
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| <b>Aug Holidays</b> | Sow by mid-month to get vigorous harvest through autumn - Salad Rocket, Oriental leaves, Spinach  |   | Sweetcorn (when the tassels turn brown and milky sap comes from a pierced kernel)   |
|                     | Sow late month for smaller plants in autumn that may overwinter more strongly and under a cloche - Salad rocket, oriental leaves, Spinach |   | Plums, Courgette, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, French beans, Runner beans, Salad crops  |
|                     | Tidy flowering pots   |   | Autumn raspberries  |
|                     | Prepare new strawberry beds   |   | Harvest - Chard, Spinach, Parsley   |
|                     |   |   |   |
| <b>Sept</b>         | Plant - winter onion sets   | Radish, mustard cress, winter lettuce – last sowing | Gather seeds to sow next year   |
| <b>Autumn</b>       | Veg for overwintering – Turnip, spinach, winter lettuce, oriental veg, salad onions   | Lambs' lettuce, Mizuna, rocket                      | Dig up main crop potatoes   |
|                     | Plant out – spring cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli (protect from pigeons with netting)   |   | Harvest – apples, pear, plums, blackberries, autumn raspberries<br>Harvest - French beans runner beans<br>courgette, cucumber, tomatoes |
|                     | Pot up - strawberry runners   |   | Harvest - Chard, spinach, parsley   |
|                     | Sow last salad sowing by 10/9 - radish, mustard cress, winter lettuce   |   | Lift - onions and shallots if foliage is dying back   |
|                     | Clear flowering pots ready<br>Plant spring bulbs and plants   |   |   |
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| <b>Oct</b>    | Plant – garlic, winter onion sets   | Radish, mustard cress winter lettuce  | Harvest – apples, pear  |
|               | Plant out – spring cabbage (protect from pigeons with netting)  | Leave garlic out to start growing to plant out next month   | Harvest - green tomatoes to ripen in doors                                    |
|               | Sow - Broad beans   |   | Harvest – pumpkin, squash   |
|               | Turn and sieve compost to cover beds with 2/3 cm  |   | Dig up root veg to store – parsnips, carrots                                  |
|               |   |   | Harvest - Chard, spinach, parsley   |
|               |   |   |   |
| <b>Nov</b>    | Sow - Broad beans   | Winter lettuce, winter peas   | Harvest – winter cabbage, leeks, parsnips (once the frost has sweetened them) |
|               | Plant – garlic,   | Plant sweet peas in troughs by climbing arch plus extras (with 5 seeds / 3” pots) in greenhouse as backup | Harvest - Chard, spinach, parsley   |
|               | Clean greenhouse glass<br>Tidy pots and trays   |   |   |
|               | Clear old cabbages and add 2/3 cm compost to the bed  |   |   |
|               | Cut off legumes at soil level and leave roots in place, cover with 2/3 cm compost, plant ready bought sweetheart cabbage. Protect with Enviromesh |   |   |
|               | Cut off strawberry runners. Some can go to create a new bed. Cut off leaves of last year’s plants   |   |   |
|               |   |   |   |
| <b>Dec</b>    | Could try sowing broad beans in milder areas.   |   | Harvest – winter cabbage, cauliflower, leeks, parsnip, swede, Brussel sprouts |
| <b>Winter</b> |   |   | Harvest - Chard, spinach, parsley   |