

Monarch



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Arizona Growing Calendar Growing Zone 9

Avg. Last
Frost

Avg. First
Frost

| CROP | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| Bush Beans | | Direct Sow | | | | | Direct Sow | | | | | |
| Beets | | Direct Sow | | | | | | | Direct Sow | | | |
| Broccoli | Indoor Sow | | | | | | | Indoor Sow | | | | |
| | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | | Direct Sow | Transplant | | |
| Broccoli Raab | | | Direct Sow | | | | | | Direct Sow | | | |
| Brussel Sprouts | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | Direct Sow | Transplant | | |
| Cabbages | Transplant | | | | | | | Indoor Sow | | | | |
| | | | Direct Sow | | | | | | Direct Sow | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Transplant | | | |
| Carrots | | | Direct Sow | | | | | | Direct Sow | | | |
| Cauliflower | Indoor Sow | | | | | | | Indoor Sow | | | | |
| | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | Direct Sow | Transplant | | |
| Corn* | | | Direct Sow | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Transplant | | | |
| Cucumbers** | Indoor Sow | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | | Indoor Sow & Transplant | | |
| Greens (kale, Swiss chard, Mesclun, Microgreens) | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | |
| Lettuces | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | | | | | | Direct Sow or Transplant | | Transplant |
| Okra | | | Direct Sow | | | | | | | Direct Sow | | |

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| Onions | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | | | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | | |
| Peas, Edible Pods** | | | <i>Direct Sow</i> | | | | | | | <i>Direct Sow</i> | | |
| Peppers | | | <i>Transplant</i> | | | | | | <i>Transplant</i> | | | |
| Radish | | | <i>Direct Sow</i> | | | | | | | <i>Direct Sow</i> | | |
| Spinach | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | | | | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | |
| Tomatoes, Determinate Variety | <i>Indoor Sow</i> | | <i>Transplant</i> | | | | | | <i>Transplant</i> | | | |
| Zucchini – Container Variety | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Herbs | | | <i>Direct Sow or Transplant</i> | | | | | | <i>Transplant</i> | | | |

Seed Resources: *Look for varieties that indicate they are good for container gardening. Burpee has a broad selection of container perfect tomatoes and vegetables, including corn! They also sell lettuces and basil that are heat tolerant to provide a longer harvest season. In the summer it's a good time to have fun with your garden box and grow just one or two items that need more space such as cantaloupes and squash.

Mail Order:

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** Cucumbers and peas are vining plants and will need a trellis which is easily added to the Monarch Garden box. The Burpee seed company also sells a compact variety of cucumber that does not need a trellis.

Tips: Soil, water and fertilizer are the three main ingredients to a good garden. Container gardens require a good potting soil, not regular garden soil. It should be lightweight and well aerated so it does not compact in the container. Regular watering is essential but it is also important not to overwater. Purchasing a water probe sensor is a good investment, sold at most nurseries or online resources. And, since potting soil is less mineral rich than ground soil your container garden needs regular fertilizing. A good liquid fertilizer every 2-3 weeks yields a great harvest! Be sure to follow the directions for container gardening so you don't burn your plants! And, one more tip is to use protective covering during frost periods or shade cloth in the hotter months. One-quarter inch wooden dowels placed in the four corners of the box provide cloth frame support.

*“Remember, butterflies count time not in months but moments and yet have time enough.”
--Bengali Poet*