



# Indoor Seed Starting Calendar

THE APPROPRIATE DATES to start seeds are determined by the last frost date, which varies geographically. Pittsburgh is in Zone 6 of the USDA's Plant Hardiness Map, which means the average last frost date in spring is May 15, and first frost date in fall is around Oct. 15. The dates listed below are for earliest harvests, but many of the crops below can also be planted or re-planted later in the season.



| VEGETABLE                 | WEEKS TO START SEEDS BEFORE SET-OUT DATE | WHEN TO START INSIDE | WHEN TO PLANT OUTSIDE |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alyssum                   | 6  | April 3              | May 15                |
| Bachelor's Button         | 4  | April 17             | May 15                |
| Basil                     | 3  | April 24             | May 15                |
| Broccoli                  | 4  | April 3              | May 1                 |
| Cabbage                   | 4  | March 18             | April 15              |
| Calendula                 | 4  | April 17             | May 15                |
| Chamomile                 | 4  | April 17             | May 15                |
| Chard                     | 5  | March 27             | May 1                 |
| Chives                    | 4  | March 18             | April 15              |
| Collards                  | 4  | March 18             | April 15              |
| Eggplant                  | 6  | April 20             | June 1                |
| Kale                      | 4  | March 18             | April 15              |
| Marigold                  | 3  | April 24             | May 15                |
| Nasturtium                | 3  | April 24             | May 15                |
| Okra                      | 4  | April 17             | May 15                |
| Onion                     | 10                                       | February 5           | April 15              |
| Oregano                   | 8  | March 6              | May 1                 |
| Parsley                   | 6  | March 4              | April 15              |
| Peppers*                  | 8  | March 20             | May 15                |
| Scallions/Bunching Onions | 4  | March 18             | April 15              |
| Tomatoes*                 | 5  | April 10             | May 15                |
| Zinnia                    | 4  | April 17             | May 15                |

\*Includes time to up-pot