



ANNUAL GARDEN PLAN

School Year Calendar vs Indianapolis Growing Season

SCHOOL YEAR					SUMMER			SCHOOL YEAR			
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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Indianapolis Planting Zone: 5b

SPRING GARDEN Plant April 1 - 15 | Harvest May 1 - June 15

Spring Salad Garden: Lettuce, Radishes, Spinach, Pea Shoots **Average last frost:** April 21 – April 30

The cool weather growing season is short and sweet. We grow a Salad Garden in the spring while frosts are still expected but day length and average temperatures allow us to grow cold tolerant vegetables.

SUMMER GARDEN Plant May 25 - June 10 | Harvest July 15 - October

Summer Themed Gardens: 3 Sisters Garden, Salsa Garden, Plant Parts Garden, Root Veggie Garden **Average first fall frost:** Oct 11 – Oct 20

The summer growing season provides an opportunity to grow the most productive and interactive garden. The summer garden is split into four themed gardens that rotate each year. Summer themed gardens allow us to showcase a variety of plants and produce food from the summer through the fall.

FALL GARDEN Plant August 1 - 31 | Harvest September 1 - November 31

Fall Themed Gardens: Power Roots, Super Greens **Average first fall frost:** Oct 11 – Oct 20

The fall growing season starts hot, and ends cold. This temperature shift is ideal for growing deliciously sweet nutrient dense roots, and flavorful and vibrant leafy greens. Harvests can continue late into the fall.

OVERWINTERED CROPS Plant Nov 1 - 15 | Harvest April - June

Overwintered Crops: Spinach, Cilantro, Garlic

The Indianapolis climate enables us to plant gardens in late fall with cold hardy plants that will establish during winter months. No harvests happen during the winter months, but overwintering these crops will enable earlier and larger spring harvests.