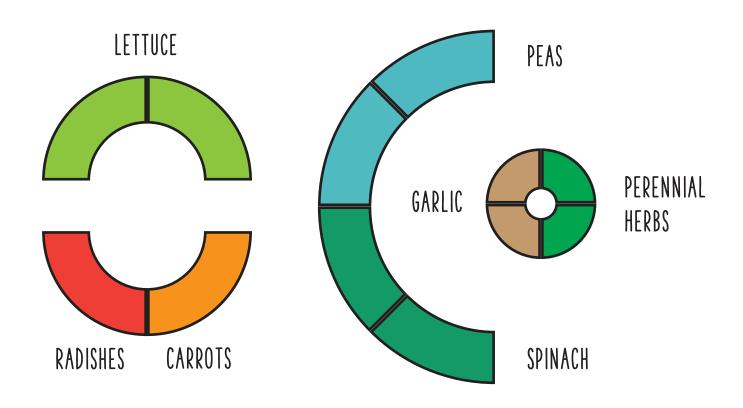


SPRING GROWING SEASON

APRIL - MAY

SPRING SALAD GARDEN



SPRING SEASON OVERVIEW		PLANTING DATE: APRIL 1st	
AVERAGE LAST FROST:	May 15	AVERAGE HIGH:	55 (April) 65 (May)
DAY LENGTH (APRIL):	13hr	AVERAGE LOW:	40 (April) 50 (May)
DAY LENGTH (MAY):	14hr 40m	AVERAGE RAINFALL:	3.03" (April) 3.74" (May)
PLANTING ZONE:	5b	DAYS OF PRECIPITATION:	13 days (April) 12 days (May)



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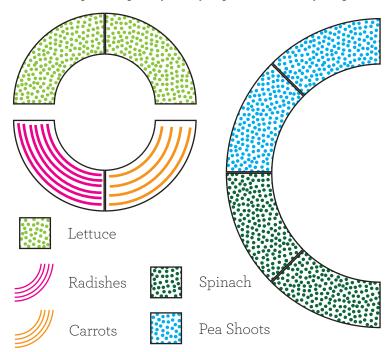




Assessing lettuce growth

Example Salad Garden Layout

Use this template to guide you as you plant or harvest your garden



Salad Garden Planting: Planting Date: April 1

Sugar Sprint Pea Seeds (pea shoots) - 30 days to maturity

Spacing: 2 inches

Pea Shoot Harvest Window: May 1 - June 1

Allstar Lettuce Seeds - 40 days to maturity

Seeding: Broadcast seeding to 1/2 inch spacing Lettuce Harvest Window: May 10 - June 15

Easter Egg Radish Seeds - 25 days to maturity

Spacing: 2 inches

Spring Harvest Window: April 25 - May 5

Seaside Spinach Seeds - 50 days to maturity (also could be overwintered from a late fall planting)

Spacing: Broadcast seeded

Spring Harvest Window: April 1 - May 20

Mokum Carrot Seeds - 54 days to maturity

Spacing: 1 inch

Spring Harvest Window: May 25 - June 15



CHICAGO HARVEST GUIDE

SPRING (APRIL - MAY)

Harvest window dates are estimates and may vary due to your local environmental factors (cold, heat, light, water) and the health and care of your plants.

Baby Lettuce - Harvest Window: May 10 - June 15

Snip or pinch leaves at their base once leaves have reached 3-5 inches in height. Do not pull upwards and uproot the plant during harvest. Once leaves have been harvested, continue to care for plants in order to grow more leaves for a second or third harvest.

Carrots - Harvest Window: May 25 - June 15

Harvest roots at 1/2"-1" diameter by pulling plants out of the ground by hand. If carrots will not come out easily, dig a shovel or trowel straight down a few inches from the carrot and wiggle shovel back and forth to loosen roots. Carrots can be harvested when slightly small if necessary.

Garlic Scapes - Harvest Window: May 15 - June 15

Snap garlic scapes from the top of the garlic plant once the scape has curved around into a full circle. Harvest scapes before the stem straightens out a second time and becomes fibrous.

Pea Shoots - Harvest Window: May 1 - June 1

Snip or pinch the top two inches of newest growth of your pea plants. You can pinch the tender stem off easily if it is ready. If the stem is hard to break, move upwards on the plant to harvest the more tender, newer growth.

Perennial Herbs - Harvest Window: May - October

Pinch off leaves by hand, or for larger harvests cut stems with clippers. Fresh herb leaves can be harvested as they grow. Harvest the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of plant or only the leafy tips to encourage new growth.

Radishes - Harvest Window: April 25 - May 15

Pull the entire plant out of the ground to harvest. Harvest when top of radish root reaches 1-2 inches in diameter. Harvest spring radishes before hot summer weather. Radishes that sit in the ground for a long time will become more spicy and too tough to bite through. Harvest radishes before they bolt (bolting is when the plant stems begin to grow vertically to produce flowers).

Spinach - Harvest Window: May 10 - June 15

Snip or pinch leaves at their base as the plant grows. Be sure not to pull upwards and uproot the plant during harvest. Be aware spinach plants will continue to grow more leaves, so continue your harvests as the plant continues to produce! Spinach harvests can continue until the plants bolt (bolting is when the plant stems begin to grow vertically to produce flowers).