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Winter Gardening Calendar

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On the mild, wet west side of the Cascade Range it is possible to be self-sufficient in fresh vegetable all year round. For a dedicated gardener what it takes is a willingness to experiment and a knowledge of what to plant when. The calendar below was developed by Binda Colebrook of Prag tree Farm based on her experience in raising winter gardens in the Puget Sound area over the past five years. Binda is currently writing a book on the subject, with detailed cultural information.

The Calendar

| PLANTING DATES | HARVEST DATES |
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| January | |
| Beets, carrots, lettuce, set onions in hot frame or shed. | March — June |
| February — April | |
| Celery — Celeraic | October on |
| Brussel Sprouts | October — January |
| Broccoli — Cauliflower (Earlies) | July — September |
| Cabbages | Sept — December |
| Leeks | Sept — April |
| Salsify & Scorzonera, set out in April | October on |
| May | |
| Celery, Celeraic, Salsify, Scorzonera (if you missed before) | |
| Parsnips | November — March |
| Cabbages (late and Savoy after root fly maggot laying stops) | November — February |
| June | |
| Broccoli | August -- October |
| Cauliflower | September — December (to 20 degrees F) |
| Brussel Sprouts | September — January |
| Cabbages (late and Savoy) | September — March |
| Beets (Winterkeepers, Sugar) | September March (to 9 degrees if mulched) |
| Chicory | Lift, force indoors |
| Parsnips, Salsify, Scorzonera (if you missed before) | November on |
| Kale | November — April |
| July | |
| Cauliflowers (late winter varieties, some earlies) | January -- March, April — to 20 degrees F |
| Broccoli (late and sprouting) | October — March — to 20 degrees F |
| Chinese Cabbages (mid July early August) | October — December to 20 degrees F |
| Peas (60 day varieties, snow peas) | September - October |
| Beans (Pole and Bush) | September — October — to 10 degrees F |
| Beets (small varieties) | September on — to 18 degrees F |
| Cabbage (Jersey, Wakefield, April) | February — April — to 18 degrees F |

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| August | |
| Swiss Chard | September — April |
| Celtuce, Lettuce, Corn Salad | September — April —to 18 degrees F |
| Spinach | September— May —to 9 degrees |
| Cauliflowers (Earlies, cold frame or shed) | March — May — to 20 degrees F |
| Cabbages (Jersey Wakefield, April) | March - May -- to 18 degrees F |
| Oriental Mustard Greens (Tai Tsai, Mizuna, Bok Choy, etc) | September March — to 20 degrees F |
| Radishes | September — December |
| September | |
| Corn Salad, Frame Lettuce, Spinach, Oriental Greens | November -- April |
| Jersey Wakefield (to the 15th) | April — May |
| Onion sets for greens | November — May |
| October - November | |
| Garlic, Shallots, Onion sets, Fava Beans | |

In using the Winter Garden calendar, remember that dates can differ by as much as a month depending on garden site, season, and variety of vegetable planted. The calendar omits food planted for harvest between June and September and it omits perennials.