

WHEN TO START SEEDS INDOORS IN MICHIGAN

January: seeds of perennial and biennial flowers, herbs, and vegetables (artichokes)

Mid-February: onions, leeks, celery, parsley, begonias, impatiens, coleus, geraniums, petunias, pansy and viola seeds

Early March: celosia, marigolds, snapdragons, salvia,

Mid-March: peppers, eggplant, cabbage, broccoli, Chinese greens, kale, nicotiana,

Early April: tomatoes, head lettuce, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, basil, cilantro, alyssum, cosmos, zinnias, calendula, cleome,

Late April/early May: (If you prefer to start the following indoors, use peat, Jiffy, or paper pots) sunflowers, morning glories, moon flowers, hyacinth bean, nasturtiums, cucumbers, squash, melons, beans and corn.

WHEN TO PLANT OUTDOORS IN MICHIGAN (ADJUST IF NECESSARY IF SPRING IS LATE)

Early April: seeds of peas, lettuce, spinach, kale, Chinese greens, sweet peas, larkspur

Mid-April: transplants of cabbage, broccoli, Chinese greens, lettuce, kale, pansy and viola

Late April/ Early May: seeds of radish, beets, carrots, lettuce, kale, chard, green onions, onions directly in the garden. Transplant onions, leeks, potatoes,

Mid-May: seeds of cosmos, zinnias, calendula, cleome. Transplant Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, parsley, alyssum, nicotiana, petunias, snapdragons.

Late May/Early June: seeds of sweet and pop corn, beans, squash, melons, cucumbers, sunflowers

Transplant: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes, basil, celosia, marigolds, snapdragons, salvia, begonias, impatiens, coleus, geraniums, petunias.

June/July: seeds of biennials such as hollyhocks, Sweet William, and foxglove can be direct sown and overwintered for blooms the next year.

Online Seed Starting Calculator

<http://awaytogarden.com/when-to-start-seeds-calculator/>

Plug your last frost date (use May 31 to be safe since we can get frosts even into June). It will suggest the best time to start your seeds and when to transplant outdoors.