Planting Calendar Worksheet

Each row in the chart below has directions for completion, based on the information found in this chapter. You can download and print blank calendar templates and a spreadsheet with built-in formulas at Seattle Urban Farm Company's website (see Resources).

Rows 1 and 2: Fill out the first two rows with the crops you've selected from the Crop Amount Worksheet and the varieties you think will be best suited to your climate or taste preferences.

Row 3: Use the number of row feet you calculated on the yield chart to fill out this row. For transplants, you can convert row feet to the number of plants, if you like. Consult the spacing column on the succession planting chart. Divide your desired number of row feet by the plant spacing in feet. This will give you the number of plants to set out. For example, you calculate you need 20 row feet of broccoli. The spacing for broccoli is 1 foot. Twenty row feet ÷ 1-foot spacing = 20 plants. Here's a quick reference for spacing plants less than a foot apart: 8 inches = 0.67 foot, 6 inches = 0.5 foot, 4 inches = 0.33 foot, 3 inches = 0.25 foot, 2 inches = 0.17 foot.

Row 4: Use your average first and last frost dates and the Planting Dates chart to determine your planting date. Consult the succession planting to help decide how many plantings to make and how many weeks apart to space the plantings.

Row 5: Specify in this row whether you'll be transplanting or direct seeding the crop.

Rows 6 and 7: These rows apply only if you'll be growing your own transplants. In Row 6: If you're growing your own transplants, note the date to start the seeds here. Consult the Planting Dates chart. Subtract the number of weeks listed for your crop from the planting date you specified in this chart. This is the date you should seed the crop in your propagation area. In Row 7: Add 20% to the number of plants you specified in Row 3. This is the number of seeds you should start in your propagation area.

Row 8: Indicate when you actually planted the crop.

Row 9: Indicate how many row feet of the crop you actually planted.

Rows 10 and 11: Note when harvest occurred and how much was harvested.

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1	**CROP**
2	**VARIETY**
3	**QUANTITY**
4	**EXPECTED PLANTING DATE**
5	**TRANSPLANT OR DIRECT SEED?**
6	**SEED STARTING DATE**
7	**NUMBER OF TRANSPLANTS**
8	**ACTUAL PLANTING DATE**
9	**ROW FEET PLANTED**
10	**HARVEST DATE**
11	**HARVEST AMOUNT**
12	**NOTES**