

# Green Thumb Gazette

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## 2023 SPRING GARDEN GREETINGS

This is a warm welcome to all new and returning community gardeners. We are now entering our 14th season at BCG. It is so nice to see the bustle of people in their garden plots. While planting, planning and cultivating your own space, the rewards will follow soon. Then comes the July heat and incessant weeding begins in earnest. Hopefully, the fresh veggies and flowers keep you coming back daily. The sandy loam soil at BCG needs attentive watering when mother- nature does not provide that moisture. Good luck and make it FUN!

The volunteer opportunities are endless. Having excellent educational programs like Integrated Pest Management (IPM) taught by our own Ann Lacroix. (Culinary Herb Garden grower) All gardeners should attend these workshops. Possibly, present on a garden topic of your choice. Stay tuned for details to follow. Also, becoming a BCG Committee member may suit your abilities too. We need to develop some structure to our garden community. Please let Jeff know what piques your interest.

An extra big shout out to J. Large and Kirsten (plot #10) for continuing the Green Thumb Gazette newsletter, this tradition fizzled when a previous editor moved away. We ask that all gardeners submit a story, poem, recipe, ideas, and make this newsletter resourceful and informative. This may also bring us closer as a community group growing produce, nectar and friendship.

Gratefully Green

Jeff Abbe

## A few reminders:

- Always turn your hose spigot off before leaving
- Be familiar with the location of the water shut off valve in the event of a leak
  - Grey box by the cemetery that is labeled, “water shut off”
- Conserve water usage when possible
- Report any leaks immediately by calling Jeff
  - (603) 856-3298
- Respect your neighbors’ garden.
- Always use the walkways between plots
- Pets are not allowed at the garden site.
- Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are not allowed on any part of the Community Garden site at any time
- ENJOY and share the bounties of your harvest!



## When to Plant your Vegetable Garden (Direct Seed)

Crop/Seed	Safe to set out in garden
Bean	After last frost
Beet	When soil warms to 45°F
Corn	When soil warms to 60°F
Cucumber	When soil warms to 70°F
Parsnip	After last frost
Pea	As soon as soil thaws
Pumpkin	When soil warms to 70°F
Radish	2-4 weeks before last frost
Rutabaga	mid-June to mid-July
Summer Squash	When soil warms to 70°F
Swiss Chard	4 weeks before last frost
Turnip	2-4 weeks before last frost
Winter Squash	When soil warms to 70°F
Zucchini	When soil warms to 70°F



*For central NH,  
Memorial Day  
is a conservative  
estimate  
for the  
last frost date.*

Source: UNH Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet - April 2016

<b>Crop/Seed</b>	<b>Time from seed to transplant</b>	<b>Safe to set out in garden</b>
Basil	6-8 Weeks	2 weeks after last frost
Broccoli	4-6 weeks	2-4 weeks before last frost
Brussels Sprout	4-6 weeks	2-4 weeks before last frost
Cabbage	4-6 weeks	4 weeks before last frost
Cauliflower	4-6 weeks	2 weeks before last frost
Cucumber	3-4 weeks	1-2 weeks after last frost
Eggplant	8-10 weeks	2-3 weeks after last frost
Kale	4-6 weeks	4 weeks before last frost
Leek	8-10 weeks	4 weeks before last frost
Lettuce	4-5 weeks	3-4 weeks before last frost
Onion	8-10 weeks	4 weeks before last frost
Tomato	6-8 weeks	1-2 weeks after last frost
Winter Squash	3-4 weeks	2 weeks after last frost
Zucchini	3-4 weeks	2 weeks after last frost

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