

**Planting Quick Reference Guide**

Plant	Planting Distance	Row Distance	Planting Depth	Preferred Site	Advice
<b>Potatoes - 1st Early</b>	30cm	80cm	15cm	Full sun to partial shade and fertile well-drained pre-dug soil.	Plant straight outdoors in mid-March into pre-dug soil. As the plant grows gradually heap the soil around it to 20-30cm above ground level. Harvest: June - November.
<b>2nd Early</b>	30cm	80cm	15cm		
<b>Main Crop</b>	35cm	80cm	15cm		
<b>Broad Beans</b>	20cm	60cm	4cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Plug plants: Make individual holes for each plant, gently firm into the ground and water in. Regularly water and feed. Seeds: Sow under cloches in February or outdoors in March. Harvest: June - September.
<b>Climbing French Beans</b>	20cm	20cm	5cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil. Sheltered site.	Plug plants: Plant out after risk of frost. Make an individual hole for each plant and stagger in double rows. Provide canes for climbing beans. Water and feed regularly. Successional sowing/planting recommended. Sow seed indoors in April or outdoors in late May. Harvest: July - September.
<b>Dwarf French Beans</b>	20cm	20cm	5cm		
<b>Runner Beans</b>	15cm	60cm	5cm	Sheltered sunny position with fertile well drained soil.	Plug plants: Plant out after risk of frost. Make an individual hole for each plant, gently firm into the ground and water in. Provide secure canes or tepee, water and feed regularly. Sow seed indoors in April or outdoors in late May. Harvest July - late September.
<b>Peas</b>	5cm	In drills 12-15cm wide	5cm	Sheltered sunny position with fertile well drained soil.	For best results sow in large drills. Position seeds about 5cm apart and cover back over with soil. Water well. Provide climbing support. Plant in succession. Sow seed indoors in April or outdoors in late May. Harvest: July - September.
<b>Cabbage</b>	Sow thinly then transplant to 45 cm apart.	15cm apart, then transplant to 45cm apart	1cm	Full sun and fertile well drained pre-dug soil	Plug plants: Plant out in August for Spring harvesting or May for summer harvesting. Make an individual hole for each plant and gently firm into the ground. Water well straight away. Seeds: For spring harvesting sow in July or August, for summer harvesting sow in March or April. Thin seedlings to about 8cm apart. Once they have 5-6 leaves transplant to 45cm apart.
<b>Broccoli</b>	Plant plug plants 45cm apart.				
<b>Cauliflower</b>	Sow thinly then transplant to 60 cm apart. Plant plug plants 60cm apart.	15cm apart, then transplant to 60cm apart	1 - 2cm	Full sun and fertile well drained pre-dug soil.	Plug plants: Plant out in June for Autumn/Winter harvesting or May for Summer/Autumn harvesting. Make an individual hole for each plant and gently firm into the ground. Keep well watered. Seeds: For Autumn/Winter harvesting sow outdoors in June, for Summer/Autumn harvesting sow in April or May. Thin seedlings to about 8cm apart. Once they have 5-6 leaves transplant to 45cm apart.

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<b>Brussels Sprouts</b>	Sow thinly. Plant plug plants 75cm apart.	15cm	1cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Plug plants: Plant out in May-June leaving 75cm between plants. Make an individual hole for each plant, gently firm into the ground and water in. Seeds: Sow in March-April, thin the seedlings to 10cm apart then transplant in May-June leaving 75cm between plants. Harvest: August - February.
<b>Tomatoes</b>	Sow thinly. Plant plug plants 45cm apart.	75cm	1cm	Full sun and a sheltered spot in a fertile well drained soil or compost.	Plug plants: Plant outdoor varieties straight out in late May-June, or indoor varieties in April-May under glass. Make an individual hole for each plant and firm into the ground/container/grow bag. Ensure the plants are kept well watered and fed throughout the season. Seeds: Indoor types: Sow in January or February. Outdoor types: Sow in March-April. Harvest: June - September.
<b>Chilies &amp; Peppers</b>		45cm			
<b>Herbs</b>	15cm	15cm	1cm	Prefers sun and well drained soil.	Plug plants: Plant out in late May after risk of frost. Make a small hole for each plug plant, firm into the ground and water in. Keep well watered and fed throughout the season. Harvest: Throughout Summer.
<b>Lettuce</b>	Sow thinly.	30cm	1cm	Full sun and a fertile well drained soil.	Plug plants: Plant out in late May after risk of frost. Make a small hole for each plug plant, firm into the ground and water in. Keep well watered and fed throughout the season. Harvest: throughout Summer.
<b>Salad</b>					
<b>Onions</b>	In 2cm drills	In 2cm drills	25cm	Full sun and a fertile well drained soil.	Sow directly to growing site from April onwards or indoors from February. Remove the smaller/weaker seedlings as they grow. Keep well watered and fed throughout the Summer. Harvest: May onwards.
<b>Salad Onions</b>	2cm	2cm	10cm		
<b>Cucumber Diana</b>	30cm	Pots or growbags		Humid (indoors) fertile, moisture retentive soil.	Make an individual hole for each plant and gently firm into the compost. This variety must be grown indoors, plant into pots or growbags. Keep well watered and feed with tomato fertiliser. Soak the floor of the greenhouse twice a day to maintain level of humidity. Harvest: June - September.
<b>Melon</b>					

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<b>Cucumber La Diva and Burpless tasty green.</b>	30cm	45cm	2cm	Full sun and fertile moisture retentive soil.	Plug plants: Pre-dig holes with organic matter 30cm deep by 45cm wide. Mound each hole and plant 2-3 plug plants on each. Provide with a frame and train the plants to it. Water regularly and feed with tomato fertiliser. Seeds: Sow straight outside in growing position. Prepare ground in same way as planting plug plants. Harvest: July - September.
<b>Courgette</b>	90cm	90cm	1cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Plug plants: Plant directly into growing site in June, make a hole for each plant and gently firm into the ground. Water and feed regularly. Seeds: Sow indoors: April. Transplant to growing site in June. Harvest: July - September.
<b>Swede</b>	Sow thinly	40cm	2cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Seeds: Thin seedlings until a 25cm spacing is created between plants. Regular watering is required. Sow May or June. Harvest: September - October.
<b>Turnip</b>	In 2cm drills	25 - 30cm	1cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Seeds: Thin seedlings gradually until 15cm spacing is achieved. Do not sow in May or June to avoid bolting. Keep well watered. Sow: July, August. Harvest: November - December.
<b>Carrots</b>	In 4cm drills	15cm	1 - 2cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Seeds: To deter Carrot Fly avoid thinning out, sow carefully so thinning is not necessary. Water regularly. Sow: Under cloches in March or unprotected in May. Harvest: June - September.
<b>Beetroot</b>	In 2cm drills	30cm	2cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Seeds: Thin seedlings to achieve 10cm between plants. Keep weed free and water regularly. Sow: Either under cloches in February or unprotected from April - June. Harvest: July - late September.
<b>Leeks</b>	15cm	30cm	15cm	Prefer a sunny aspect and well drained soil.	Plug plants: Position each plant into individual holes in late May, water into each hole - do not fill the hole back in. Harvest: September onwards.
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	30cm	30cm	5cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Plant outdoors in late May or June. Make individual holes for each plant and gently firm into the ground. Plant in blocks instead of rows. Water regularly, especially once cobs begin to form. Harvest: Remove a section of husk and squeeze a kernel, when the juice is milky the cob is ready.

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<b>Asparagus</b>	20cm	60cm	20cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Position in trenches 20cm deep and 30cm wide, cover over with 5cm of soil. As the plants grow gradually fill the trench back in always leaving the very top of the plant showing. Cut back the foliage when yellow in Autumn. Harvest: 3rd season when tender.
<b>Strawberries</b>	20cm	20cm	5cm	Full sun and fertile well drained soil.	Plant out into hanging baskets, pots or the ground in late-May to June. Surround the base of the plant with straw (when planting in the ground). Water each plant in generously. Keep well watered and fed throughout the season. Harvest: July - September.