



## Community Garden Coalition News

The purpose of the Community Garden Coalition is to inspire and empower our community to grow and eat better together. Also to grow, connect, and encourage a community of gardeners and their gardens by offering garden resources, education and promotion through networking, partnerships, and collaborations. For more information about local garden news and Community Garden Coalition meetings, click here [Contact Us](#)

## Seed to Supper Facilitator Training



Seed to Supper New Facilitator Training was a huge success. We had incredible representation from across the county, including Smith River, Klamath, Crescent City, Brookings, and Humboldt County.

Seed to Supper is a comprehensive beginning gardening program that provides adult learners with transformative experiences that increase both individuals and community food security through fostering food literacy, resiliency, community connectivity, and supportive social networks. The curriculum is offered through the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) and Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Master Gardener Program.

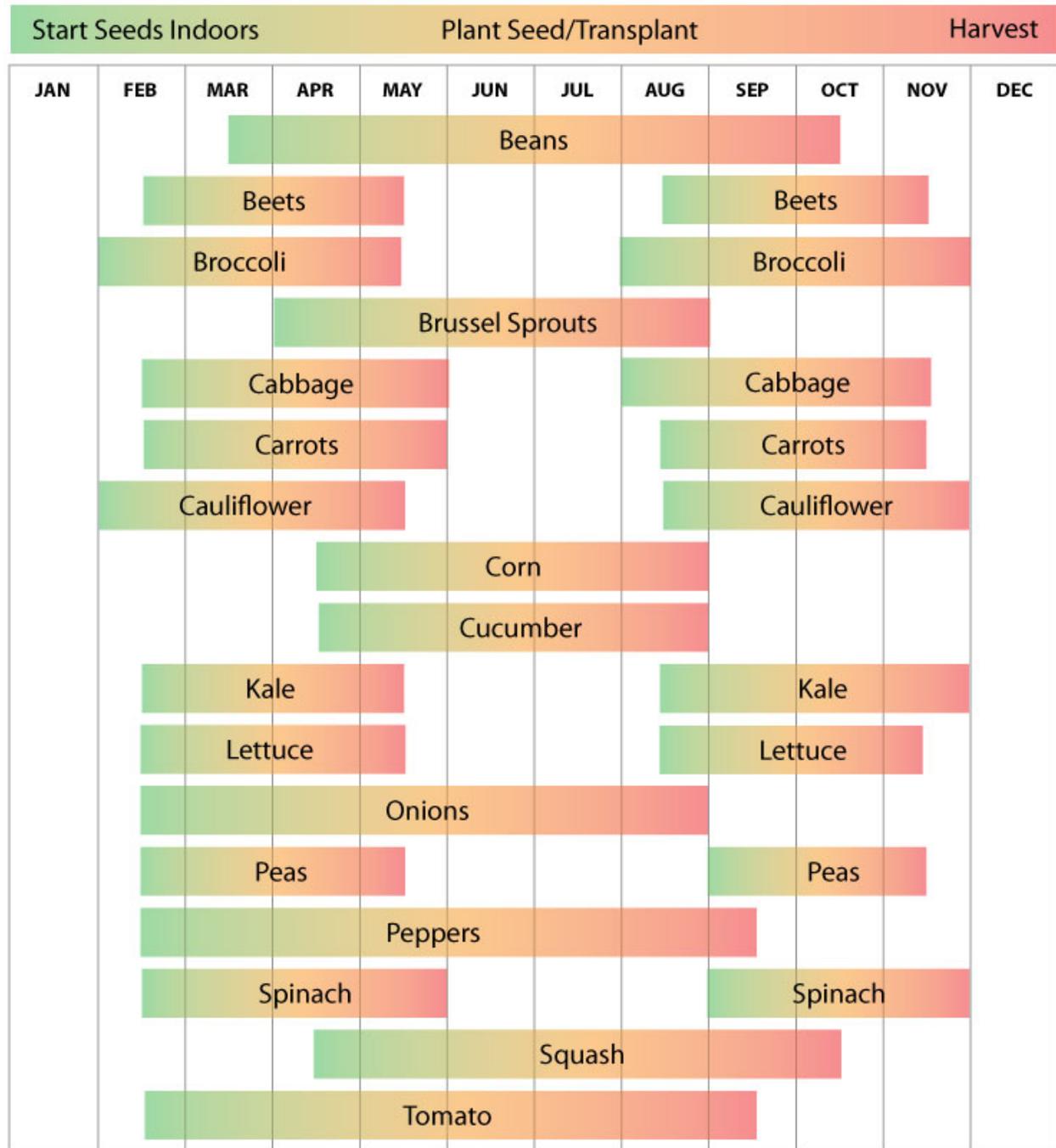
Several Garden Coalition members participated in the Seed to Supper New Facilitator training last year that was hosted by OSU Extension Master Gardener Program in Brookings, Oregon. Del Norte and Curry County offered Seed to Supper beginner garden programs simultaneously from June through July 2019, both programs were successful and well received by the communities.

Read more, [Seed to Supper New Facilitator Training, March 7th, 2020](#)

For a personal invitation to the upcoming Seed to Supper classes, click here: [Contact Us](#)

*The picture above was taken by Andrea Lanctot, Community Food Council Coordinator. Deborah Lando, OSU Extension Master Gardener, avid gardener, garden columnist, business owner, gave Seed to Supper overview, overall history of food system during the Seed to Supper New Facilitator Training, March 7th, 2020.*

## Del Norte Planting Guide



[USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#) is the standard by which gardeners and growers can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. USDA Plant Hardiness Zone divides North America into 11 hardiness zones. Zone 1 is the coldest; zone 11 is the warmest. When you order plants from catalogs or read general garden books,

you need to know your USDA zone in order to be able to interpret references correctly. Del Norte County ranges from zone 8a inland to 9b on the coast. Want even more precise seeding and planting times? Check out Jonny's Selected Seeds and use their seed starting date calculator. [Seed-Starting Date Calculator](#)

Have you ever considered growing your own veggies? Not only is gardening at home a great way to get more fresh veggies into your daily snacks and meals, it is a fun physical activity that the whole family can do together!

Click and check out the basic gardening information;

[What Grows Here?](#)

[Container Gardening](#)

[Starting a Vegetable Garden-Basic Gardening Handouts](#)

[Planting Calendar For Crescent City](#)

[Year-Round Garden Guidelines and Tasks](#)

## Gardening With Kids



- **Start Seeds Indoors Or Out** : Peas, beans, sunflowers, squash, and nasturtium seeds are big enough for small fingers to handle and those plants will germinate and grow quickly. Measure and track plant growth under different light and watering conditions.
- **Creating A Small Garden** : Start small. A sandbox-sized plot is perfect for the young set. Give them their own sturdy, child-sized tools, and expect them to get wet and dirty. Let them outline the borders with rocks and define the paths with stepping stones or mulch so they know what is garden and what is not.
- **Plants For A Kids' Garden** : Steer them toward fast growing plants like pole beans, sunflowers, radishes, corn morning glories, cucumbers, and pumpkins are good examples, but also let them decide what to grow (What do they like to eat?).
- **Garden Projects For Older Kids** : Older kids might enjoy planning a theme garden like a pizza garden, salsa garden, or one with rainbow-colored vegetables. Picky eaters will often try a new vegetable if they have grown it themselves. Have them read the instructions on the seed packets and figure out when, how deep, and how far apart to plant the seeds. The more involved they are, the more committed they are likely to be.

Don't worry about perfection; gardening is a learn-as-you-go, trial and error thing, with experience being the best teacher. Build bat and bird houses, make a sundial, assemble weather station and use it to keep track of the weather in your backyard, start a compost pile. "Share your enthusiasm! Remember, you are planting a seed that with a little guidance and encouragement can grow into a budding gardener—and don't forget the wheelbarrow rides!" (Robin Sweetser)

*The information above is retrieved from the blog by Robin Sweetser (April, 2020), [Gardening With Kids: What to Plant and Fun Activities](#)*

*Garden photos above were taken from Smith River School Garden in 2018.*

