



ARDENT WORKSHOP

VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANTING LOG

Free Vegetable Garden Planting Log

Plant dates in, first-harvest dates out.

One tab | a five-minute start

Your free vegetable garden planting log

It is easy to know what you planted and roughly when, and then lose the thread by midsummer: was that bed in before or after the last frost, and is the first picking due yet? The answers are all date arithmetic, and the days to harvest live on a seed packet you have already thrown away. This free log keeps it on one page. Type the date each crop goes in, and it works out the weeks from your last spring frost, the days to first harvest, the date to start looking, and where each crop stands today.

How to use it

- 1 Open **Vegetable-Garden-Planting-Log.xlsx** in Excel, Google Sheets or LibreOffice. It opens on a worked example so you can see the method before you change anything.
- 2 Type your garden name and your **last spring frost date** at the top.
- 3 Log each planting, up to 40: pick the **crop** from the dropdown, then add the bed, the variety, **Transplant** or **Direct sow**, and the date it went in the ground.
- 4 Read the four teal columns, which fill themselves in: weeks after your last frost, days to harvest, the expected first-harvest date and the status.
- 5 Growing something that is not on the list? Type its name and days into the blank rows under the crop list on the right, and it joins the dropdown.

What the teal columns tell you

Weeks after last frost is the planting date minus your frost date, in weeks - a negative number means the crop went in before your last frost, which usually suits only frost-hardy crops or ones under cover. **Days to harvest** comes from the crop list: a transplanted crop counts from the day you set it out, a direct-sown crop from the day you sowed it. Where the list has only one figure for a crop, the log uses it for either method - a tomato sown straight into the ground takes longer than its transplant figure, so if you grow it that way, type a figure in the Days from sowing column of that crop's row in the crop list. **Expected first harvest** is the planting date plus those days. **Status** reads **Not planted yet** until the planting date arrives, **Growing** after that, and **Ready to pick** once the expected date has come. Status follows today's date, so it refreshes whenever you open the file. The days are typical figures: your seed packet knows your variety, so type over the crop list wherever it disagrees.

In the example as it ships, 17 plantings in The Back Fence Garden are logged against a last spring frost of Apr 25, 2026. The first goes in on Mar 14, 2026 and the last on May 16, 2026; the log gives each one its own expected first-harvest date.

Want the whole season planned for you?

This log records what you planted. A garden year asks more than that: when to sow the next batch, what to start indoors, which seed to buy and what each bed earned back - and the full workbook keeps all of it in a plain file you own, with no account and no subscription.

THE FULL VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANNER AND HARVEST LOG

The full Vegetable Garden Planner and Harvest Log dates every sowing and planting you plan from your frost dates, using a guide to 50 crops. It adds succession rounds frost-checked against your first fall frost, pounds per sq ft and harvest value against spend per bed and crop, seed viability and a seed order built from your plan, a rotation flag, and a 14-day task list. [See the full workbook >](#)

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The example garden, beds, varieties and dates are made up. Days to harvest are typical figures, so check your seed packet and your local extension service; frost dates are averages, so watch the forecast before setting out tender plants. A personal planning tool, not professional horticultural advice.

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