

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">Lower Columbia School Gardens - Monthly Planting Guide</h1>							
FEBRUARY						USDA Hardiness ZONE 8b	Estimated Last Frost: April 30 Estimated First Frost: Oct 31
CROP	SOIL TEMP.	PLANTING DATE	SPACING	DEPTH	METHOD	FROM SEED TO HARVEST	NOTES
Arugula	50 - 70	15 th	2" bands	¼ - ½"	Seed	4 - 5 wks	Sow every 2 weeks for continual harvest, except June - Aug.
Artichoke	65 - 75	1 st	n/a	¼"	Indoors	5 months	Transplant after last frost.
Beans, Fava	60 - 85	15 th	3 - 6"	1 - 2"	Seed	9 - 15 wks	Flowers, leaves & beans are edible.
Beets	50 - 75	15 th	4 - 6"	½ - ¾"	Seed	8 - 12 wks	Start under cloche. Sow every 2 wks until late May. Thin at 4 wks/6" tall.
Broccoli	55 - 75	15 th	n/a	¼"	Indoors	8 - 14 wks	Transplant between mid-March and mid-April.
Cabbage	55 - 75	15 th	n/a	¼"	Indoors	9 - 12 wks	Transplant between March and April.
Cauliflower	55 - 75	15 th	n/a	¼"	Indoors	7 - 10 wks	Transplant between mid-March and mid-April.
Carrots	55 - 80	15 th	2 - 4"	¼"	Seed	8 - 10 wks	Sow every 2 weeks until July. Thin at 4 weeks/6" tall.
Kale	55 - 75	15 th	n/a	½"	Indoors	10 - 12 wks	For spring/summer harvest. Transplant between mid-March and mid-April.
Leeks	55 - 75	1 st	n/a	¼"	Indoors	13 - 15 wks	Transplant mid-April into well-dug soil.
Lettuce	40 - 75	15 th	8 - 12"	¼"	Seed	6 - 8 wks	Thin to 10 - 16" apart at 4 weeks. Sow every other week for continual harvest, except July - Aug.
Mustard	55 - 75	15 th	8 - 12"	½"	Seed	4 - 12 wks	Start under cloche. Harvest continually April - June.
Scallions	55 - 75	1 st	n/a	1/8 - ½"	Indoors	7 - 9 wks	Transplant to garden early April.
Onions, Sweet + Storage	55 - 75	1 st	n/a	1/8 - ½"	Indoors	16 - 18 wks	Transplant to garden early April. Harvest in June or July - do your best to keep sweet and storage varieties separate. <i>Sweet varieties do not store well.</i>
Peas, Snap + Snow	40 - 75	15 th	1"	1 - 1 ½"	Seed	8 - 9 wks	For pole/tall varieties, provide trellis or plant near other climbing structure/tree. Sow every 2 wks throughout March - April.
Radishes	45 - 80	15 th	1 - 2"	½"	Seed	3 - 5 wks	Sow every 2 weeks for continual harvest, except July - Aug.
Spinach	50 - 70	15 th	1"	½"	Seed	6 - 8 wks	Sow every 2 weeks for continual harvest, except June & Sept.

- **Don't forget:** LCSG offers a Free School Garden Volunteer Training this month. Email info@lcschoolgardens.org for more information.
- **Cloche** = transparent structure for protecting plants from cold temps; a season jump-starter. Can also protect plants from pests. Floating row cover (reemay) or a low plastic hoop are examples. Try to have cloches in place a few weeks prior planting seeds so soil has a chance to warm up.
- **Lettuce and spinach can also be started indoors Feb - May** and transplanted out when a few weeks old.

