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SEED STARTING SCHEDULE FOR VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

The generally accepted safe planting-outside date for the Fairbanks area is June 1st. Depending on your particular microclimate (and there are many in Interior Alaska), you may be able to transplant outdoors as early as mid May. This schedule indicates the weeks from seeding indoors to transplanting outdoors, so the actual calendar date for seeding will vary with the different microclimates found in Fairbanks. If you are planting a greenhouse, adapt this schedule accordingly. For example, if you transplant into your greenhouse beds on May 1st, plant your cucumber sets about April 1st.

The conditions that you have for starting and maintaining your seedlings are an important consideration as well. Fluorescent lights placed 4-6" above the seedlings are ideal, but windows also work. In either case, remember that growing plants continually require more space so be sure you have adequately lighted space to maintain your seedlings until they are set outside. It is better to start your seedlings later (even later than this schedule indicates) than to plant them so early that you run out of space before plant-out time and end up with spindly plants due to poor light conditions.

March 1-10 (12-14 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: none

Flowers: tuberous begonias

March 10-20 (10-12 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: celery, greenhouse tomatoes, peppers

Flowers: fibrous begonias, lobelia, portulaca, dahlia tubers

March 20-April 1 (8-10 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: mints, parsley

Flowers: coleus, impatiens, pansies, petunias, phlox

April 1-10 (6-8 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: eggplant, greenhouse cucumbers, most herbs, outdoor tomatoes

Flowers: dahlias, delphiniums, nemesia, schizanthus

April 10-20 (5-6 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: none

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Flowers: alyssum, aster, calendula, carnations, daisies, forget-me-nots, marigold, snapdragon, strawflowers

April 20-May 1 (4-5 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, head lettuce

Flowers: canary bird vine, cosmos, dianthus, gladiola bulbs, nasturtiums, sunflowers, sweet peas

May 1-10 (3-4 weeks before transplanting)

Vegetables: corn, outdoor cucumbers, pumpkins, squash (including zucchini)

Flowers: none