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Zone 11a planting guide

Average coldest winter night 40 to 45°F (4 to 7°C). Places in zone 11a include Miami, FL, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Boca Raton, FL, Hollywood, FL.

Frost is rare or unknown in zone 11a, so planting follows heat and rain, not frost dates. Cool-season crops go in from late summer to winter; heat lovers in fall, winter and early spring before the hottest months. The dates below are published for South Florida, the largest frost-free area of the mainland. In coastal California and the low deserts of Arizona and Texas the seasons differ, so check your county extension office as well.

VEGETABLE PLANTING MONTHS

Crop	Plant (South Florida)
Arugula	Oct to Mar
Beans, bush	Sep to Apr
Beets	Oct to Jan
Broccoli	Oct to Jan
Cabbage	Sep to Jan
Cantaloupe	Dec to Mar
Carrots	Sep to Mar
Celery	Oct to Mar
Collards	Sep to Jan
Corn, sweet	Oct to Mar
Cucumbers	Sep to Feb
Eggplant	Aug to Feb
Kale	Sep to Jan

Crop	Plant (South Florida)
Lettuce	Sep to Feb
Okra	Jan to Mar, Aug to Oct
Onions, bunching	Sep to Mar
Peas, southern	Sep to Apr
Peppers	Aug to Feb
Potatoes	Oct to Jan
Pumpkin	Early Aug
Radish	Oct to Mar
Spinach	Oct to Feb
Squash, summer	Aug to Mar
Tomatoes	Aug to Feb
Watermelon	Dec to Mar

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Perennials, shrubs and trees: tags still matter: choose plants rated for zone 11 or colder (a lower number). In zone 11a you are in the colder half of zone 11, so a plant rated "to zone 11" is right at its limit.

Planting months: UF/IFAS Extension, Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (SP103), South Florida column, revised 2026. Your zone by ZIP code: plantsdirectusa.com.