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Zone 2a planting guide

Average coldest winter night -50 to -45°F (-46 to -43°C). Places in zone 2a include Alaska.

Zone 2a winters are among the coldest in the country, and frost dates vary a lot over short distances. Write in your own average last spring frost, then count from it.

My ZIP code _____ My last frost _____ My first frost _____

SPRING: WHEN TO PLANT

Group	When	Crops	My date
Hardy crops	**4 to 6 weeks before your last frost**	Asparagus, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, horseradish, kale, kohlrabi, leek, mustard, onion, peas, potato, radish, rhubarb, spinach, turnip	
Semi-hardy crops	**2 to 4 weeks before your last frost**	Beet, carrot, cauliflower, celery, chard, Chinese cabbage, lettuce, mustard, parsnip	
Tender crops	**After your last frost, once nights stay above 50°F**	Bean, sweet corn, tomato	
Very tender crops	**At least 2 weeks after your last frost, once nights stay above 60 to 65°F**	Cucumber, eggplant, melons, okra, pepper, pumpkin, squash, sweet potato	

FALL GARDEN

Count back from your first fall frost: days to harvest, plus about 14 days for slower fall growth, plus 14 more for frost-tender crops. Hardy choices: cabbage, carrots, turnips, rutabagas, kale.

Perennials, shrubs and trees: choose plants rated for zone 2 or colder (a lower number). In zone 2a you are in the colder half of zone 2, so a plant rated "to zone 2" is right at its limit.

Spring timing: Purdue Extension HO-186-W. Fall method: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension NebGuide G1343. Your zone by ZIP code: plantsdirectusa.com.