

# FBMG Help Desk

## Question of the Week

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I want to put in a vegetable garden and am confused about warm season vs cold season. Help!

*Lets take a look...*





# Warm Season vs. Cool Season

*Planting at the proper time will help yield a larger harvest*

*Knowing the difference between cool-season and warm-season vegetables is vital for successful vegetable gardening .*

Cool season vegetables can tolerate moderate or light frost and produce their harvest before the summer months.



Warm season vegetables can handle our summer heat and produce their harvest through late summer and into fall.





## Examples of Warm Season

- Okra
- Peppers
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatillo
- Eggplant
- Cucumber
- Cantaloupe
- Watermelon
- Zucchini
- Tomato
- Green Beans
- Honeydew
- Lima Bean
- Peas
- Muskmelon
- Sweet Potato



## Examples of Cool Season

- Broccoli
- Lettuce
- Collards
- Swiss Chard
- Cabbage
- Kale
- Cauliflower
- Carrots
- Kale
- Celery
- Chard
- Shallot
- Bok Choy
- Spinach
- Turnip
- Brussel Sprouts



# Timing is Important

## Check out the Vegetable Planting Date Chart

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service / Fort Bend County Master Gardeners  
 1402 Band Road, Suite 100; Rosenberg, TX 77471  
 281-342-3034 - <http://fortbend.agrilife.org>  
 Master Gardeners: 281-341-7068; [fortbendmg@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:fortbendmg@ag.tamu.edu)/ [FBMG.org](http://FBMG.org)

### Fort Bend County Vegetable Garden Planting Dates



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Asparagus (crowns)												
Beans (Lima/SnapBush)												
Beans (Snap Pole)												
Beets												
Broccoli (plants)												
Cabbage (plants)												
Cantaloupe												
Cauliflower (plants)												
Carrots												
Chard, Swiss												
Chinese Cabbage												
Collards												
Corn												
Cucumber												
Eggplant (plants)												
Kohlrabi (plants)												
Lettuce												
Muskmelon												
Mustard												
Okra												
Onion (bulb type sets)												
Onion (transplant)												
Onion (multipliers)												
Parsley												
Peas (English/Snap)												
Peas, Southern												
Pepper (plants)												
Potato, Irish												
Potato, Sweet												
Pumpkin												
Radish												
Spinach												
Squash, Summer												
Squash, Winter												
Tomato (plants)												
Turnip												
Watermelon												

Ideal planting time  
 marginal planting time

Please see: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/> and choose "Recommendations"

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For more information contact our helpdesk and or visit our website.

**Coming Soon So Make a List!**

***Fort Bend Master Gardener Spring  
Vegetable & Herb Plant Sale***

- Saturday March 9, 2024 from 9-12
- At the Bud O'shieles Community Center
  - 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg, TX
- Wonderful Selection of Vegetable and Herb Plants to choose from

***Visit our website for updated  
information.***





# Attend a Class

*There are upcoming classes on both warm and cool season vegetables.*



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners are offering Grow Your Own, a six-class program on creating a productive edible garden in the home landscape.

## 2024 Class Schedule

9:00 – 10:30 am

Classes are in-person at the  
Bud O'Shieles Community Center  
1330 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Fruit Trees – January 20

Creating Healthy Garden Soil – February 17

Warm Season Vegetables & Herbs – March 23

Vegetable Pest and Disease Management – April 20

Growing Plants from Seeds/Cuttings – May 4

Cool Season Vegetables & Herbs – August 3

Register On-Line:

<https://fbmg.org>  
<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/grow-your-own/>



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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.



**Registration is required.**

This information is also found on our website.

<https://fbmg.org/files/2023/09/2023-Veg-HerbSaleLocation-parkingMap-Good9-27-23.pdf>



*Do you have questions  
about your home  
landscape and plants?*

*Contact the Fort Bend  
Master Gardener Help Desk*

*Email:  
FortBendmg@ag.tamu.edu*

*Phone:  
281-341-7068*

*The Help Desk is manned  
Monday thru Friday,  
9am-Noon*

*How to choose the best seeds and transplants  
for vegetable gardens (tamu.edu)*

*Consider a container vegetable garden this fall -  
AgriLife Today (tamu.edu)*

*<https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/marion/2021/04/Cool-season-Vegetables-and-Warm-season-Vegetables-When-to-Plant.html>EXTENSION HOME*

*California Master Gardener Handbook: (UC  
ANR publication 3382)*

*<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/Cool-season-vs.-Warm-season-Vegetables>  
(psu.edu)*

