

# SEED LIBRARY- STILL TIME FOR FALL PLANTING

## To start fall planting, you need to:

- Know your fall frost date, which is when the temperature drops below freezing and kills most plants.
- Start your fall/winter seeds indoors 6-14 weeks before the fall frost date, depending on the type of plant. (See Gardening Climate Data below)
- Transplant your seedlings outdoors 6-8 weeks before the fall frost date, or sow seeds directly outside 9-12 weeks before the fall frost date.
- Plant bulbs at least six weeks before a hard, ground-freezing frost can be expected in your area. This is usually in October or November in most climates.
- It might not feel or taste like it at the moment, but for most areas of the country, July through September are the months you'll want to start your fall/winter seeds indoors to transplant out in your garden 6-8 weeks later.
- Of course, you can always direct-sow your fall/winter seeds in your garden underneath the cooling shade of your larger summer annuals (tomatoes, peppers, etc.) if you'd prefer. That's often done with kale, lettuce, and other salad greens.
- However, better-growing results will happen with fall crops such as Brussels sprouts, Bok Choy, and Cabbage when started indoors. That's because they get to enjoy six weeks of growing in a temperature-controlled environment and have a big jump start on the fall growing season before being transplanted outdoors.

Gardening Related Climate Data for Zip code 07045 - Montville, New Jersey

1990 Hardiness Zone:	Zone 6b: -5F to 0F
Average First Frost Date:	October 11 - 20
Average Last Frost Date:	April 21 - 30
Koppen-Geiger Climate Zone:	Dfa - Humid Continental Hot Summers
Ecoregion:	64e - Glaciated Triassic Lowlands
Current Drought Status:	Exceptional Drought
Heat Zone Days:	Rare Over 86°F

Annual Climate Data for Zip code 07045 - Montville, NJ

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Avg Min Temp (°F)	18	20	28	38	48	57	62	60
Avg Max Temp (°F)	37	40	49	60	71	80	85	83
Avg Precip (In.)	4.06	3.02	4.23	4.34	4.81	4.33	4.65	4.23