



THE CANNING GARDEN CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Order seed catalogs
- Sketch garden plan based on canning goals
- Clean and check tools
- Start a compost pile

FEBRUARY

- Start onions, leeks, or herbs indoors
- Finalize layout and crop list
- Set up seed starting area
- Buy seeds, trays, and soil mix

MARCH

- Start tomatoes, peppers, brassicas indoors
- Prep beds if soil is workable
- Direct sow peas, spinach (if ground is thawed)
- Inventory canning supplies

APRIL

- Direct sow lettuce, carrots, radishes, beets
- Harden off seedlings
- Transplant early crops (weather permitting)
- Feed beds with compost or fertilizer

MAY

- Transplant tomatoes, peppers, herbs
- Direct sow beans, cucumbers, squash, corn
- Water consistently
- Stake tomatoes and vining crops

JUNE

- Harvest early crops (radishes, greens, peas)
- Water, weed, and check for pests
- Plant second round of beans or carrots
- Keep notes on what's growing well

JULY

- Harvest beans, cucumbers, tomatoes
- Start small-batch canning
- Feed heavy feeders like tomatoes and squash
- Plan fall crops if your zone allows

AUGUST

- Harvest daily—preserve or freeze extras
- Dehydrate herbs and fruit
- Clear out spent plants
- Keep watering consistently

SEPTEMBER

- Harvest remaining summer crops
- Can sauces, soups, salsa
- Pull plants and clean up beds
- Mulch or sow cover crops

OCTOBER

- Remove lingering crops
- Plant garlic (if your zone allows)
- Store tools, pots, hoses
- Make notes for next season

NOVEMBER

- Rest and reflect—nothing urgent this month
- Tidy pantry, check labels
- Set aside jars for holiday gifts
- Dream about next year's garden

DECEMBER

- Review garden notes and wish list
- Stock up on canning supplies if on sale
- Sign up for seed catalogs
- Enjoy your canned goods!

