

# HARDINESS ZONES AND AVERAGE FROST DATES

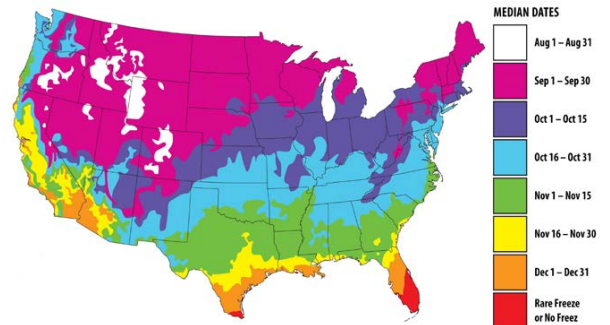
Successful planting is partly knowing what and when you can safely plant in your area — use these maps as your guides!

## AVERAGE FIRST FROST DATE IN FALL

The average first frost date for fall in your area lets you know when to expect the end of your gardening season, and allows you to plan your late summer or fall plantings accordingly. The exception to this is the southernmost climates where gardening is typically more 4-season.

Locate your geographic area on this map to identify your median first frost dates:

## Estimated First Frost Date in Fall

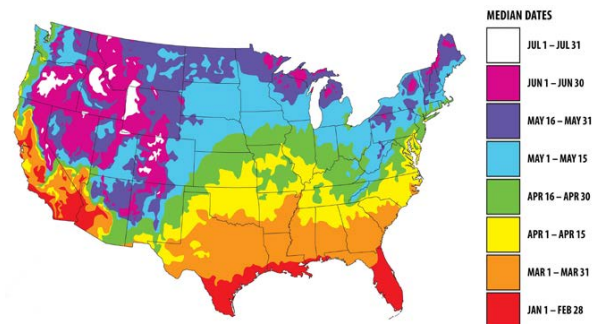


## AVERAGE LAST FROST DATE IN SPRING

The average last frost date in the spring signifies when you can expect your gardening season to begin, and allows you to plan ahead for activities like seed-sowing, plant ordering, and in-ground planting.

Take a look at this map to identify the median last frost dates for your area:

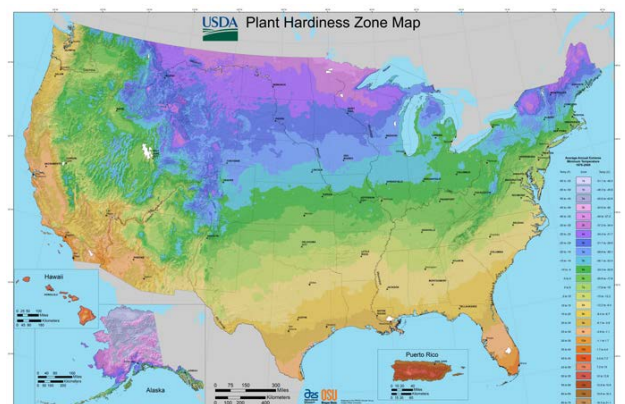
## Estimated Last Frost Date in Spring



## USDA HARDINESS ZONE MAP

The USDA Hardiness Zone map is produced by the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service and is based upon the average annual minimum winter temperature in any given area. They are divided into 10-degree Fahrenheit zones, with neighboring zones being 10 degrees colder or warmer in the winter.

This helps gardeners determine what plants are most likely to thrive in their areas and is often included on a plant's tag or container label. To find your USDA Hardiness Zone, locate your geographic area on the map and then use the legend to identify your zone and average minimum winter temperature.



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