



Mother Nature's Planting Guide

Take some cues from nature—even the zodiac—and discover what agriculturalists knew about the affect of the moon and the planets centuries ago.

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Each sign of the zodiac is said to have special characteristics that influence plant growth. Before setting out with your garden to-do list, take a look at the general qualities of each.

Capricorn—Earth sign: dry and productive. Good for planting root crops, as well as grafting fruit trees.

Aquarius—Air sign: dry and barren. Take advantage of this time for cultivating and tackling weeds.

Pisces—Water sign: moist and productive. This is a great time for planting.

Aries—Fire sign: dry and barren. Not surprisingly, this is good for attacking pests and cultivating to inhibit weed growth.

Taurus—Earth sign: moist and productive. Because it's an Earth sign, it's good for planting root crops.

Gemini—Air sign: dry and barren. This is a good time for harvesting produce for storage.

Cancer—Water sign: moist and very productive. This is most likely the best time to plant and transplant.

Leo—Fire sign: dry and barren. Harvest for storage, as well as battle weeds and pests.

Virgo—Earth sign: moist and barren. This is a good sign to plant vines.

Libra—Air sign: moist and somewhat productive. Plant flowers and herbs under this sign.

Scorpio—Water sign: moist and very productive. Tomatoes are best transplanted under Scorpio, but other varieties do well, too.

Sagittarius—Fire sign: dry and barren. Harvest root vegetables or prepare soil.

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