

Gainesville fall garden: plant now

Gainesville Regional Airport. Median first frost (36 °F) November 25. Calculated 2026-09-08.

Sept 8

78 days

Nov 25

TODAY

MEDIAN FIRST FROST

Plant this week

- Endive – the one September-only window; sow it in September
- Bush bean and slicing cucumber – sow now; frost, not the window, is the deadline
- Cauliflower and turnip – close at the end of October
- Broccoli, cabbage and kale – open now, run through February
- Brussels sprouts and collards – open now, run through November
- Beet, carrot, radish, kohlrabi, arugula – open now, run into March
- Swiss chard, bunching onion, mustard greens – open into spring

Coming up

- Spinach – opens in October, closes at the end of November

Already too late this year

- Tomato and sweet corn – August windows, now closed
- Sweet pepper and watermelon – July-August windows, now closed
- Okra and eggplant – windows ran through July
- Pumpkin – an early-July window, now closed
- Winter squash – UF/IFAS still lists it, but it cannot ripen before frost here
- Muskmelon – a spring window only, late March into April

Planting dates: UF/IFAS Extension, Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (SP 103 / VHO21), North column — month windows, not calendar days. Frost date: NOAA/NCEI, CLIM20 supp. no. 1, Florida. A planning baseline, not a forecast.

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