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What should you plant when?
Snap Science Gardening Grid

Crop	When to plant	How to plant	Height	When to harvest
Onions	February to April	In rows 20 cm apart. Thin seedlings to 5 cm apart and then 10 cm apart.	10–60 cm	May to September when the leaves turn yellow and start to topple over.
Garlic	Late autumn or early winter	Break up the bulbs and plant individual cloves just below the soil surface 15 cm apart and in rows 30 cm apart.	20–50 cm	June onwards when the leaves have turned yellow.
Carrot	February to July	Sow 13 mm deep in rows 15 cm apart. Once the seedlings start coming up, thin to 5–7.5 cm apart.	15–35 cm	May to October; 12–16 weeks after sowing.
Potato	March to May	Dig a narrow trench 12.5 cm deep. The seed tubers are spaced 30 cm apart.	30–50 cm	June to October when the flowers open or the buds drop.
Tomato	February to April	Plant in seed trays in a clear plastic bag on the windowsill. Transplant into pots then plant 45–60 cm apart outside when the first flowers are beginning to open.	30–100 cm	July to October. Start picking when the fruit is ripe and fully coloured.
Peas	March to June	Make a flat-bottomed trench 5 cm deep and 15 cm wide. Sow the seeds approximately 7.5 cm apart, cover with soil, then lightly firm.	30–60 cm	June to October; 11–13 weeks after sowing. Pick regularly.
Coriander	April to June	Sow the seeds 4cm apart in holes. Thin young plants to 20 cm apart.	12–60 cm	June to August. Pick the leaves at any time before the plant flowers.
Mint	April to May	Plant seeds in a pot. Either keep them in the pot or bury the pot in the ground.	30–120 cm	June to October. Pick the leaves at any time.
Chives	March to May	Scatter seeds over a well-prepared bed and cover with a thin layer of soil. Thin seedlings to 10 cm apart.	20–45 cm	June to October.
Basil	April to May	To grow from seed, scatter over a well-prepared bed and cover with a thin layer of soil. Thin seedlings to 30 cm apart.	30–90 cm	July to September; 8–12 weeks after planting. Harvest regularly.