



Garden Base Map

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING WORKSHEET

GARDEN NAME

e.g. Backyard Paradise

YEAR

2026

LOCATION / ADDRESS

GARDENER NAME

e.g. Jane

HARDINESS & HEAT ZONES

USDA HARDINESS ZONE

Select zone...

AHS HEAT ZONE

Select zone...

Find yours at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov

FROST DATES

LAST SPRING FROST

mm/dd/yyyy

FIRST FALL FROST

mm/dd/yyyy

FROST-FREE GROWING DAYS

DAYS TO FIRST FALL FROST

RAINFALL & WATER

AVG ANNUAL RAINFALL

e.g. 54"

TYPICAL DRY MONTHS

e.g. Nov-Apr

IRRIGATION SOURCE

e.g. Drip / Sprinkler

DRAINAGE NOTES

e.g. Low spot pools

DRAINAGE: ☐ Well-drained ☐ Average ☐ Slow-draining

☐ Boggy

SOIL PROFILE

SOIL TYPE

☐ Sandy

☐ Loamy

☐ Clay

☐ Silty

☐ Peaty

☐ Chalky

PH LEVEL

e.g. 6.5

ORGANIC MATTER %

e.g. 4%

LAST AMENDED

e.g. Mar 2026

AMENDMENT USED

e.g. Compost

NOTES

Additional soil observations...

PROFILE

Mulch

Topsoil

Subsoil

Parent

Bedrock

SUN MAP

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W E

NW	N	NE	SE	S	SW
Mid-B	Mid-B	Mid-B	Mid-B	Mid-B	Mid-B
Mid-F	Mid-F	Mid-F	Mid-F	Mid-F	Mid-F
Front	Front	Front	Front	Front	Front

☐ Full Sun (6h+) ☐ Part Sun (4-6h) ☐ Part Shade (2-4h) ☐ Full Shade (<2h)

SEED-STARTING CALCULATOR

Dates auto-calculate from your Last Spring Frost date above.

CROP	WKS BEFORE	START INDOORS	DIRECT SOW	NOTES
Tomatoes	6-8	—	After LFF	—
Peppers	8-10	—	N/A (transplant)	—
Eggplant	8-10	—	N/A (transplant)	—
Basil	4-6	—	After LFF	—
Broccoli	4-6	—	2 wks before LFF	—
Cabbage	4-6	—	2 wks before LFF	—
Lettuce	4-6	—	4 wks before LFF	—
Cucumbers	2-3	—	1 wk after LFF	—

ALWAYS WORKS

These varieties/techniques never fail in my garden.

Plant/technique #1 ★ ★

Plant/technique #2 ★

Plant/technique #3 ★ ★

Plant/technique #4 ★

Plant/technique #5 ★ ★

Plant/technique #6 ★

Plant/technique #7 ★ ★

MICROCLIMATES



Sketch notes: warm spots☀, cold pockets❄, windy areas💨, sheltered zones🏠

WARMEST SPOT

e.g. South wall

COLDEST SPOT

e.g. North corner

WINDIEST AREA

e.g. West fence

MOST SHELTERED

e.g. Patio alcove