

GARDENING

BY THE LIGHT

OF THE MOON



2015 PLANTING GUIDE

for edibles, ornamentals & houseplants

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## CAPRICORN



While the Sun is the giver of life, the Moon is what makes life interesting!

Every year the Sun spends the first part of January in Capricorn, while the Moon moves into Capricorn for 2-3 days every month.

Capricorn is a member of the fertile earth group of zodiac signs that is connected to root growth. So whenever the Moon is in Capricorn, it's time to tend to perennials, bulbs and root crops that store their goodness in their roots - and to get your hands dirty by working in the soil.



Cauliflower, botanical illustration | medieval Italy by Ulisse Aldrovandi | public domain [vintage printable]



## YIN AND YANG

The biggest obstacle to overcome when you begin moon gardening is yourself. In most of today's world success is judged by Yang or masculine standards in terms of product.

Moon gardening is a feminine/Yin approach that's centered on the process of watching and waiting for the best times to carry out garden activities.

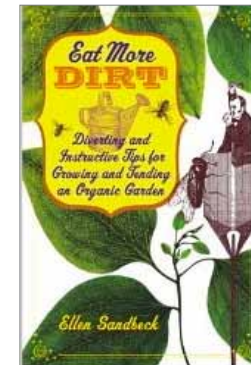
Instead of making your garden, try letting your garden make you.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**Eat More Dirt: Diverting and Instructive Tips for Growing and Tending an Organic Garden**

by  
Ellen  
Sandbeck

Well-written  
and fun to read!





# JANUARY



SUNDAY

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				1	2	3
				prune   pinch back   mow for growth		
				♊ Gemini		
<b>FULL MOON</b> 4  Harvest   Exhale	5 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	6	7	8	9	10 fertilize   plant perennial vines
♋ Cancer		♌ Leo			♍ Virgo	
11 plant perennial flowers	12	13 prune/mow for no growth	14	15 water   fertilize	16	17 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests
♎ Libra		♎ Libra		♏ Scorpio		♐ Sagittarius
18 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost	19	<b>NEW MOON</b> 20  Rest   Inhale	21 prune   pinch back mow for growth	22	23 water   plant annuals with outside seeds	24 prune   pinch back mow for growth
♑ Capricorn		♒ Aquarius			♓ Pisces	
25 prune   pinch back mow for growth	26	27	28	29	30	31 water plant annuals with inside seeds
♈ Aries		♉ Taurus			♊ Gemini	
					♋ Cancer	

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Gardeners know all the best dirt!



PHASES OF THE MOON

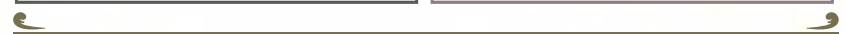


1st Quarter Waxing Moon

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## AQUARIUS



The Sun has moved into Aquarius and the Moon, the queen of growth cycles, follows suit on February 17.

Even though Aquarius contains the word 'aqua' which means 'water', it comes under the zodiacal element of Air. Although we cannot exist without air, in the plant world air is considered a dry, barren energy that is not conducive for growing things.

Use Aquarius moon times for getting rid of whatever you don't want in your garden: weeds, insects and pests.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The Morville Hours** by Katherine Swift.



Exquisitely written book that describes the gardening year and compares it to the arc of a life.



Turmeric, 19th C. (anon). Via British Library. | public domain [vintage printable]



## 2015, CHINESE YEAR OF THE GOAT (OR SHEEP)

In Chinese astrology the Year of the Sheep (starting on February 19) has a Yin energy that is perfectly aligned with moon gardening because sheep are peaceful, tranquil and live in harmonious co-existence with nature.

As we live in increasingly tumultuous times, Sheep years provide the good energy for the resolution and healing of past deeds that were executed with a lack of respect for life, for each other and for the planet.

Belief that good triumphs over evil can gain momentum in 2015 and create positive changes in years to come. The sheep teaches that if you trust in the good, happiness and success will follow.





# FEBRUARY



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










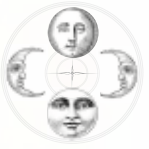
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 Cancer	 Leo	 Leo		 Virgo		
8 plant perennial flowers	9	10 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	11 water   fertilize	12	13 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests	14
 Libra		 Scorpio	 Scorpio	 Sagittarius		
15 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost	16	17 prune/mow for no growth	18 <b>NEW MOON</b>  Rest   Inhale	19 water   plant annuals with outside seeds	20	21 prune   pinch back mow for growth
 Capricorn		 Aquarius		 Pisces		 Aries
22 prune   pinch back mow for growth	23 plant annuals with outside seeds	24	25 prune   pinch back mow for growth	26	27 plant annuals with inside seeds	28
 Aries	 Taurus		 Gemini		 Cancer	
						

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Gardening requires a lot of water,  
most of it in perspiration. ~ Lou Erickson

## PISCES



The Pisces Sun tells us that Spring is just around the corner. Pisces is the second most fertile sign of the zodiac (see Cancer) with a wet and moist energy that seeds love!

Pisces moon times are good for sowing, planting and irrigating.

Tradition warns not to plant potatoes under Pisces because Pisces has a connection to feet and Pisces-planted potatoes are apt to sprout a lot of bumps or 'toes'.



## POTATOES

Potatoes pack dense nutrients into a perfect little package of high vitamin C, more potassium than a banana, B6 and trace minerals. A medium potato also has only 110 calories with no fat, sodium or cholesterol.

Asparagus | The Grocer's Encyclopedia, 1911 by Artemas Ward | public domain [vintage printable]



## GARDEN DIVERSITY

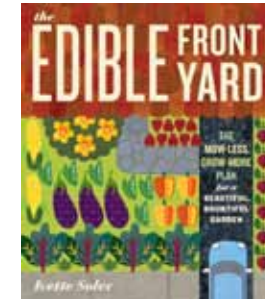
To my eyes a successful garden has many different kinds of plants.

Diversity in the garden is not only aesthetically beautiful but it can also make for a healthier garden. Different species attract different insects so having a lot of varieties reduces the chance of losing an entire crop while providing benefits to others.

Diversity helps keep your garden in balance.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The Edible Front Yard: The Mow-Less, Grow-More Plan for a Beautiful, Bountiful Garden**
























by *Ivette Soler*. Step by step plans to replace ornamentals with edibles.





# MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 water plant annuals with inside seeds	2 prune   pinch back mow for growth	3	4 plant annual vines with inside seeds	5 <b>FULL MOON</b>  Harvest   Exhale	6 fertilize   plant perennial vines	7 plant perennial flowers
 Cancer	 Leo		 Virgo	 Virgo		 Libra
8 plant perennial flowers	9 water   fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials			11	12 harvest   plant fruit trees and shrubs	14 fertilize cultivate soil mulch   spread compost
 Libra	 Scorpio			 Sagittarius	 Sagittarius	 Capricorn
15 fertilize cultivate soil mulch spread compost	16 prune/mow for no growth		17	18 water   fertilize	19 <small>SPRING EQUINOX</small> <b>NEW MOON</b>  TOTAL ECLIPSE Rest   Inhale	21 prune, pinch back mow for growth
 Capricorn	 Aquarius		 Pisces		 Aries	
22 plant annuals with outside seeds	23	24	25	26	27 water   plant annuals with inside seeds	28
 Taurus		 Gemini			 Cancer	
29 prune   pinch back   mow for growth	30	31				
 Leo						

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A society grows great when old men plant trees  
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.  
~ Greek Proverb

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## ARIES



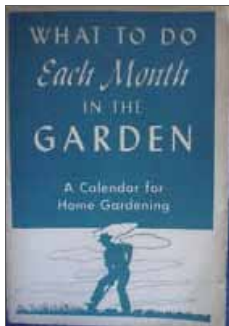
Aries is one of the three fiery signs that are hot and barren (see Leo and Sagittarius).

This means that an Aries Moon is not an ideal day for planting but it is a prime time for gathering and harvesting.

Seeds planted under an Aries Moon tend to be bitter or to bolt quickly so stick to hot and spicy crops like garlic and herbs that thrive with heat- just like some Aries people.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**What to do Each Month in the Garden:  
A Calendar for Home Gardening**



by *The American Garden Guild, 1945.*

Vintage, and still applies!



Liliaceae anatomical plate. | public domain [vintage printable]



## VOLUNTEER PLANTS

My favorite kinds of plants are volunteers. These are flowers or vegetables that show up in the garden by surprise not design, either from the compost pile or transported to your corner of the world by a bird.

If you are lucky to have a volunteer in your garden, bless it and let it be! That particular seed has found the perfect conditions for its particular needs which means it will be healthy, hardy and productive.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Easter is on a different date every year because the timing is calculated based on the moon.

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon following the first day of Spring on March 21. This year Easter is on Sunday April 5.







# APRIL



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SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4
			plant annual vines with inside seeds		plant annual flowers	<b>FULL MOON</b>  LUNAR ECLIPSE Harvest   Exhale
			♍ Virgo		♎ Libra	♎ Libra
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
plant perennial flowers	water   fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials		harvest   plant fruit trees and shrubs		fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	fertilize cultivate soil mulch spread compost
♎ Libra	♏ Scorpio		♐ Sagittarius		♑ Capricorn	♑ Capricorn
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
fertilize cultivate soil mulch spread compost	prune/mow for no growth		water   fertilize		harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests	<b>NEW MOON</b>  Rest   Inhale
♑ Capricorn	♒ Aquarius		♓ Pisces		♈ Aries	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
plant annuals with outside seeds		prune, pinch back, mow for growth		water   plant annuals with outside seeds		prune, pinch back, mow for growth
♉ Taurus		♊ Gemini		♋ Cancer		♌ Leo
26	27	28	29	30		
prune   pinch back mow for growth		plant annual vines with inside seeds		plant annual flowers		
♌ Leo		♍ Virgo		♎ Libra		

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To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

~ Audrey Hepburn

## TAURUS



Taurus is one of three zodiac signs (see Capricorn and Virgo) in the fertile and productive element of earth, which makes May the month to plant, plant and plant!

Because Taurus promotes short, sturdy root growth a Taurus moon favors all the vegetables and flowers that store their energy underground (bulbs, potatoes, carrots etc).



Echinacea Purpurea | The Botanical Magazine Vol I, 1790 | public domain[vintage printable]



## WATER IS LIFE

As carbon-based life forms, plants and humans cannot exist without water. Water is the earth's most precious resource. It takes up 80% of the earth's surface and makes up 80% of our bodies.

Instead of watering daily it's better to water deeply and not very often.

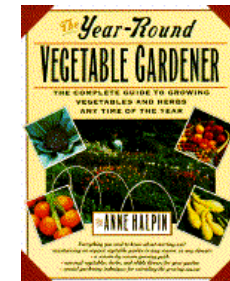
Plants (like people) have different needs. If you take time to look and listen, they will tell you what they need. Yellow leaves are distress signals of too much or too little water.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener:  
The Complete Guide to Growing Vegetables  
and Herbs Any Time of Year**

by Anne Halpin.

A good guide to growing veggies year round in ANY climate.





# MAY



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						plant annual flowers 1
						♎ Libra
plant annual flowers 2	<b>FULL MOON</b> 5  Harvest Exhale	water   fertilize; 4 plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	5	6	7	fertilize   plant 8 root crops, bulbs, perennials
♎ Libra	♏ Scorpio		♐ Sagittarius			♑ Capricorn
fertilize   plant 9 root crops, bulbs, perennials	weed   kill 10 insects and destroy pests	prune/mow for 11 no growth	12	13	14	15 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests
♑ Capricorn	♒ Aquarius		♓ Pisces		♈ Aries	
fertilize 16 cultivate soil mulch spread compost	<b>NEW MOON</b> 17  Rest Inhale	18 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	19	20	21	22 water   plant annuals with outside seeds
♉ Taurus		♊ Gemini		♋ Cancer		
23 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	24	25	26	27	28	29 plant annual flowers
♌ Leo		♍ Virgo			♎ Libra	
30 water   plant annuals with inside seeds	31					
♏ Scorpio						

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Grow a garden. Cultivate a community. Save your seeds. Share the surplus. Feed our future.

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## GEMINI



Even though Summer is quickly approaching, planting under a Gemini Moon is a big no-no because Gemini falls in the dry and barren element of air.

On the other hand, the Gemini Moon on June 15 is a terrific time for getting rid of unwanted growth, insects and pests.

Help keep Mother Earth healthy by using only organic pesticides like soap or peppermint oil mixed with water.



Fuchsias | by Captain Geoffrey Spaulding, 1885 | public domain [vintage printable]



## ACID-LOVING PLANTS

I don't know why but I seem to have a special love for plants that love acid soil.

While compost is the black gold of the garden it may be too alkaline for acid-lovers like blueberries, fuchsias, camellias and citrus trees. One way to add acid to these plants is to mix peat moss into the soil. But an even easier solution is to give them a drink from your leftover coffee or tea. Used coffee grounds and tea leaves can also double as mulch.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The Perelandra Garden Book:  
A Complete Guide to Gardening with  
Nature Intelligences**






by Machaelle  
Small Wright.

How to create a  
balanced garden  
that is in perfect  
harmony with  
nature.



# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 water plant annuals with inside seeds	2 <b>FULL MOON</b>  Harvest   Exhale	3 harvest plant fruit trees and shrubs	4 fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	5	6 weed   kill insects and destroy pests
	♏ Scorpio	♐ Sagittarius		♑ Capricorn		♒ Aquarius
7 weed   kill insects and destroy pests	8 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	9 water   fertilize	10 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests	11	12 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch; spread compost	13
♒ Aquarius	♏ Pisces	♏ Pisces	♈ Aries		♉ Taurus	
14 fertilize cultivate soil mulch spread compost	15 prune/mow for no growth	16 <b>NEW MOON</b>  Rest   Inhale	17 water   plant annuals with outside seeds	18	19 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	20
♉ Taurus	♊ Gemini		♋ Cancer		♌ Leo	
21 <small>SUMMER SOLSTICE</small> plant annual herbs with outside seeds	22	23	24	25 plant annual flowers	26	27 water plant annuals with inside seeds
♍ Virgo			♎ Libra			♏ Scorpio
28 water plant annuals with inside seeds	29 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	30				
♏ Scorpio	♐ Sagittarius					

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Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds; the harvest can either be flowers or weeds.

~ Wm Wordsworth

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## CANCER



Cancer is one of three zodiac signs (see Pisces and Scorpio) in the element of water.

The moisture associated with a Cancer moon provides the perfect environment for seeds to germinate quickly and produce an abundant crop.

Cancer moons are the best days to sow seed, plant or irrigate and are the most fertile times of any month.

## WEEDING

Always look twice before pulling out a seedling. It's too easy to mistake your favorite perennial for a weed.

To my regret I've done it too many times to count and every time I felt like a murderer.

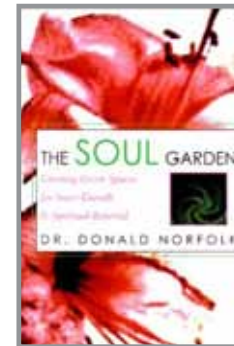


Dandelion | Hand Colored Engraving | public domain [vintage printable]



## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The SOUL Garden: Creating Green Spaces for Inner Growth & Spiritual Renewal**



by Dr. Donald Norfolk.





# JULY



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			<b>FULL MOON</b> 1  Harvest   Exhale	2 fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	3 weed   kill insects and destroy pests	4
			♑ Capricorn		♒ Aquarius	
5 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	6	7 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests	8 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests	9	10 fertilize   plant perennial vines	11
♋ Pisces		♈ Aries		♈ Aries		♉ Taurus
12 prune/mow for no growth	13	14 water   fertilize	<b>NEW MOON</b> 15  Rest   Inhale	16 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	17	18
♊ Gemini		♋ Cancer		♌ Leo		
19 plant annual herbs with outside seeds	20	21 plant annual flowers		22 plant annual flowers	23 water   plant annuals with inside seeds	24 25
♍ Virgo		♎ Libra		♎ Libra		♏ Scorpio
26 prune, pinch back, mow for growth		27	28 plant annuals with inside seeds	29 plant annuals with inside seeds	<b>FULL MOON</b> 31  Harvest   Exhale	
♐ Sagittarius			♑ Capricorn		♒ Aquarius	

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First year gardens sleep. Second year  
gardens creep. Third year gardens leap!

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## LEO

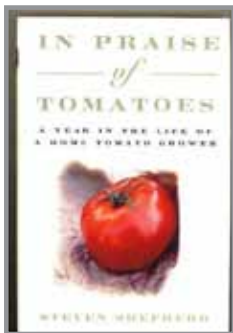


Leo is one of the three zodiac signs in the hot, dry element of fire (see Aries and Sagittarius). This inhospitable atmosphere makes Leo moon times unfavorable days to plant.

Leo moon times are perfect days to pick flowers and herbs and to harvest veggies and flowers that have reached maturity.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**In Praise of Tomatoes: A Year in the Life of a Home Tomato Grower**



by Steven Shepherd.

For all gardeners who want to grow the best tomatoes!



Sunflower | Medieval Italy by Ulisse Aldrovandi | public domain [vintage printable]



## THE GOLDEN RULE

Garden pests and insects have just as much a right to their place in nature as we humans do.

Rather than killing your garden enemies try blessing them by planting some extra plants in the garden. These can be your sacrificial offerings to the garden god of pests.

In the large scheme of things pesticides often do more harm than good but here's an easy way out. Since most plants (except the acid-loving) hate vinegar, coffee, hot peppery spices and tobacco, dedicated spraying with a watery mixture of any of these substances will work to discourage the most stubborn garden pests.





























# AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						weed kill insects and destroy pests  Aquarius 1
2 water   fertilize plant: root crops, bulbs, perennials  Pisces	3	4 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  Aries	5	6 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost  Taurus	7	8 prune/mow for no growth  Gemini
9 prune/mow for no growth  Gemini	10	11 water; fertilize  Cancer	12	13 harvest   weed kill insects destroy pests  Leo	14 NEW MOON  Rest Inhale	15 plant annual herbs with outside seeds  Virgo
16 plant annual herbs with outside seeds  Virgo	17	18 plant annual flowers  Libra	19	20 water   plant annuals with outside seeds  Scorpio	21	22 water plant annuals with inside seeds  Scorpio
23 prune, pinch back, mow for growth  Sagittarius	24	25 plant annuals with inside seeds  Capricorn	26	27 prune, pinch back, mow for growth  Aquarius	28	29 FULL MOON  Harvest Exhale  Pisces
30 water   fertilize plant root crops bulbs, perennials  Pisces	31 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  Aries					

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Grow what you love, the love will keep growing.  
~ Emilie Barne

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## VIRGO



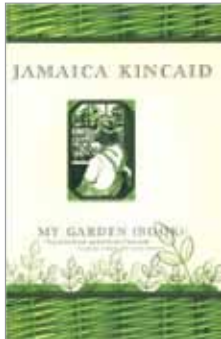
Virgo is an exception to the usual rule that zodiac signs in earth elements are productive and fertile.

Because of its association with the (non-fertile) Virgin, earthy Virgo is considered to be semi-barren.

Virgo moon times favor woody vines and hardy herbs that don't require a lot of care.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

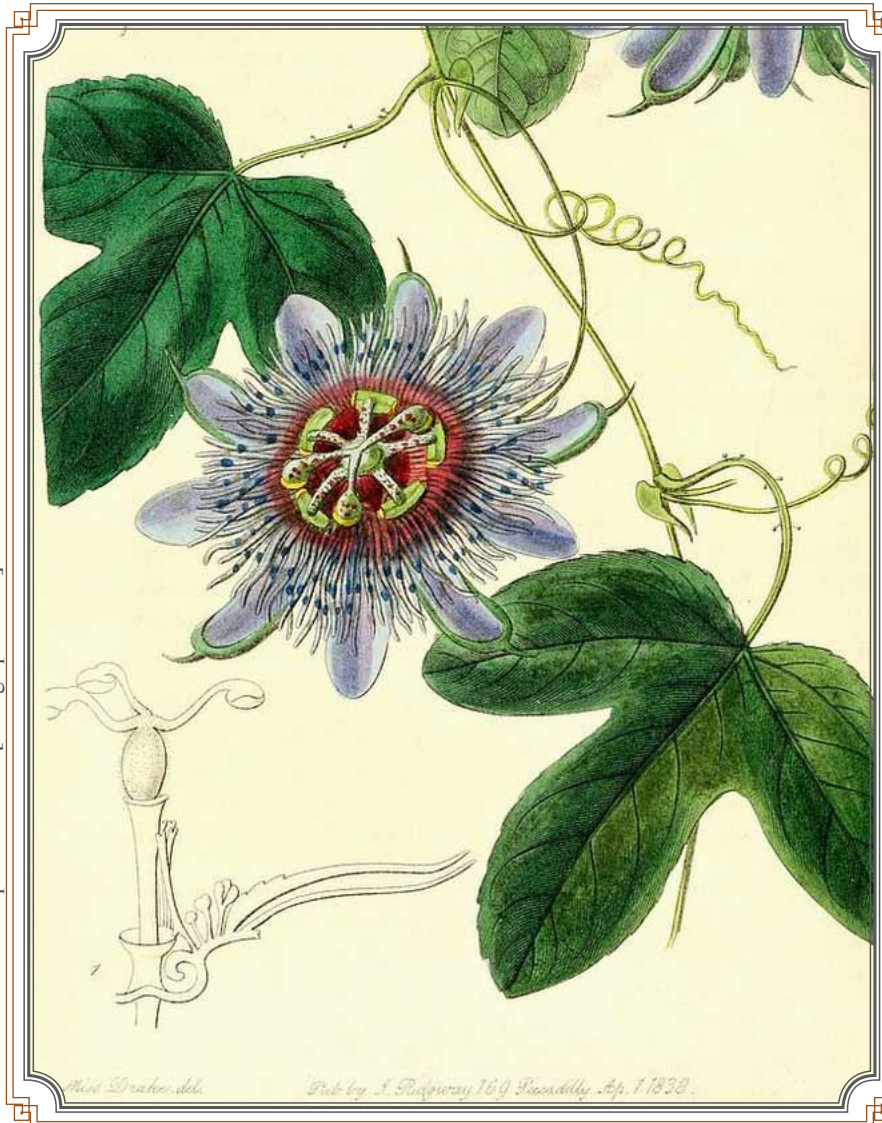
**My Garden (Book)**, by *Jamaica Kincaid*.



A beautiful read about a writer's passion and love for her garden and gardening.



Passion Vine | 1838 | public domain [vintage printable]



## 2ND HAND WATER




Save the water when you rinse out your milk jugs and use the milky liquid for plants in the nightshade family (tomatoes, eggplants, sweet and hot peppers and potatoes).

Milky water has been known to destroy some viruses as well as harmful worms. I once knew someone who also saved the water from boiling potatoes and threw it on her flowers after it cooled down.

Another source for second hand water is grey water, left over from washing clothes or dishes or showering. If you use grey water in the garden remember to avoid using soaps, salts and bleaches that can harm your plants.



# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  ♈ Aries	2 fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials  ♉ Taurus	3   ♉ Taurus	4 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  ♊ Gemini	5 prune/mow for no growth  ♊ Gemini
6 prune/mow for no growth  ♊ Gemini	7 water   fertilize  ♋ Cancer	8   ♋ Cancer	9 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests  ♌ Leo	10   ♌ Leo	11 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost  ♍ Virgo	12   ♍ Virgo
NEW MOON 15  SOLAR ECLIPSE Rest   Inhale ♍ Virgo	14 plant annual flowers  ♎ Libra	15   ♎ Libra	16 water   plant annuals with outside seeds  ♏ Scorpio	17   ♏ Scorpio	18   ♏ Scorpio	19 plant fruit and nut trees   prune, pinch back, mow for growth  ♐ Sagittarius
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FULL MOON 27  TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE Harvest   Exhale ♓ Pisces	28 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  ♈ Aries	29   ♈ Aries	30 fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials  ♉ Taurus			

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Weeds are flowers too

- once you get to know them. ~ Eeyore

## LIBRA



Libra is the second exception to the elemental rule.

Although Libra is a barren and dry air sign, it is so famous for its love of beauty that Libra moon times are considered to be semi-fertile and good for planting flowers.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**Bugs, Slugs & Other Thugs: Controlling Garden Pests Organically**



by Rhonda Massingham Hart.

VERY thorough, easy to read.



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## MULCH

Mulch can be anything from newspapers (printed with soy ink, and avoid colored pages) to straw that is applied on top of the soil at the base of your plants. Mulch is always a win-win; it's a cheap way to reduce your water bill (a big factor in drought-ridden areas) while keeping down the weeds.

Try these mulches:

- grass clippings (high in nitrogen - and free)
- fall leaves
- compost (nutrient rich)
- wood chips
- pine needles are good for blueberries and other acid-loving plants (or alkaline soil)
- rocks provide no nutritional value, but they look good and last forever

With any mulch, the deeper the better. And wait to dig it into the soil until after it decomposes.

Do not use anything as garden mulch that could harbor weed seeds (some straw, yard waste); mulch is meant to make life easier for the gardener.



# OCTOBER

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 fertilize   plant root crops, bulbs, perennials ♈ Taurus	2 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests ♊ Gemini	3
4 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials ♋ Cancer	5 water   fertilize ♋ Cancer	6	7	8	9 fertilize   plant perennial vines ♍ Virgo	10
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Grow where you are planted. ~ Proverb

## SCORPIO

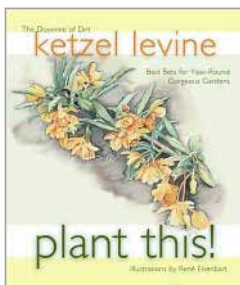


Although Scorpio is a member of the fertile water element it also has a close association with death and decay (think worms, compost and fertilizer). These natural parts of the garden world make Scorpio moon times the least fertile of the water sign (see Cancer and Pisces).

Scorpio moon times are best for irrigating and planting hardy or pungent plants like onions and garlic.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**Plant This! Best Bets for Year-Round Gorgeous Gardens**



by *Ketzel Levine*.

A practical and humorous guide to under-valued hardy plants.



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## START MAKING SOIL

Fall is a good time to begin making beds for spring planting. Once you've built or found the container, layer it with organic ingredients that will decompose and create soil. Called lasagna gardening, it's easy to make with the following layers:

1. existing plants (even grass) on existing soil
2. one inch of manure
3. half inch of newspaper or cardboard, avoiding color pages
4. one more inch of manure or coffee grounds
5. eight to 12" of dry mulch like leaves or wood chips
6. two inches of moist greens like grass clippings or green leaves
7. one inch of compost
8. repeat #'s 4-7 (manure, mulch, greens, compost) to the depth of the garden bed you want
9. finish with a two inch layer of seedless (IMPORTANT) mulch

Let it sit over the winter for best results or plant right away if you can't wait. Keep adding manure, compost and mulch.







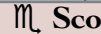

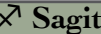












Best soil ever -





# NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials  Cancer	2 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  Leo	3 harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests  Leo	4	5 fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost  Virgo	6	7 prune/mow for no growth  Libra
8 prune/mow for no growth  Libra	9	10 water   fertilize  Scorpio	11 NEW MOON  Rest   Inhale	12 plant fruit and nut trees   prune, pinch back, mow for growth  Sagittarius	15	14
15 plant annuals with outside seeds  Capricorn	16	17 prune, pinch back, mow for growth  Aquarius	18	19 water   plant annuals with inside seeds  Pisces	20	21 plant red flowers and veggies with inside seeds  Aries
22 plant red flowers and veggies with inside seeds  Aries	25 plant annuals with inside seeds for strong roots	24 FULL MOON  Harvest   Exhale  Taurus	25	26 weed   kill insects and destroy pests  Gemini	27	28 water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials  Cancer
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Storms make trees take deeper roots.  
~ Dolly Parton



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## SAGITTARIUS



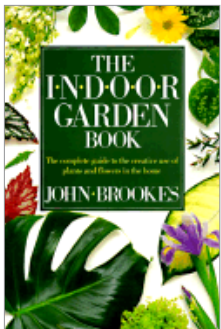
Sagittarius is the last sign in the hot and barren fire signs (see Aries and Leo).

The no-growth nature of this fire sign make Sagittarius moon times ideal for pruning trees and cutting firewood.

In northern hemisphere climates this is the time of year when the Sun (as well as the garden) have come to the end of their yearly cycle and it's time to put the garden to bed.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

**The Indoor Garden Book: The Complete Guide to the Creative Use of Plants and Flowers in the Home.**



by *John Brookes*.

With over 1000 images.



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## GROW HERBS INDOORS

Little pots of herbs on the kitchen windowsill liven up the winter and add much needed fresh greens to our diets. Snipping herbs is good for the plants as well as adding flavor and vitamins to our cooking. Good candidates for indoor herb gardens are basil, parsley and mint.

Start seeds early and transplant into small clay pots wrapped in burlap and ribbon for hostess gifts all month long.

If you have mature herbs, infuse them in wine vinegar and rebottle - another good gift for the season.

An herb wreath is another way to bring the outdoors in. Rosemary works great as a living wreath - add a few ribbons and shiny ornaments to do double duty as a holiday wreath.

Happy holidays!







# DECEMBER



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  ♌ Leo	2  fertilize   cultivate soil   mulch   spread compost	3  fertilize   cultivate soil   mulch   spread compost	4  fertilize   cultivate soil   mulch   spread compost  ♍ Virgo	5 prune/mow for no growth  ♎ Libra
6 prune/mow for no growth  ♎ Libra	7  water; fertilize	8 water; fertilize	9  water; plant annuals with outside seeds	10 harvest   weed kill insects and destroy pests  ♏ Sagittarius	11 NEW MOON  Rest   Inhale	12 plant annuals with outside seeds  ♐ Capricorn
13 plant annuals with outside seeds  ♐ Capricorn	14 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	15 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	16 water; plant annuals with outside seeds	17 water; plant annuals with outside seeds	18  water; plant annuals with outside seeds	19 plant red flowers and veggies with inside seeds  ♑ Aries
20 plant red flowers and veggies with inside seeds  ♑ Aries	21 plant annuals with inside seeds for strong roots	22 WINTER SOLSTICE plant annuals with inside seeds for strong roots	23 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	24 prune, pinch back, mow for growth	25 FULL MOON  Harvest   Exhale	26 water; fertilize; plant: root crops, bulbs, perennials
27 harvest; weed; kill insects and destroy pests  ♌ Leo	28 harvest; weed; kill insects and destroy pests	29 harvest; weed; kill insects and destroy pests	30 fertilize   plant perennial vines	31 fertilize   plant perennial vines		

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My green thumb came as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plants' point of view.  
~ H. Fred Ale

## PHASES OF THE MOON

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2nd Quarter Waxing Moon

4th Quarter Waning Moon

# USING THE GUIDE

Gardening by the Light of the Moon is a guide to the optimal times in 2015 to plant, eliminate pests and harvest. Did you ever wonder why two crops planted a week apart grow at completely different rates? Or why those pesky ants in your kitchen respond quicker to your control efforts one day and not another? The answer is timing. As the Bible says "There's a time for every purpose under Heaven". Keeping your garden activities in sync with the Moon is one of the oldest and easiest ways to make your garden grow healthy and strong.

**MOON PHASES:** Although the moon doesn't get bigger and smaller, its reflected sunlight makes it seem like it does.

Traditional wisdom says that when the moon looks like it's growing bigger and brighter, it signals a time of growth for life above ground. The New Moon signals the beginning of a two-week growth period called the Waxing Phase.

When the moon looks like it is getting smaller and decreasing in light, it's time for the energy to go underground into the roots and for gardening maintenance. The Full Moon signals the beginning of this two week period called the Waning Phase.

## PHASES OF THE MOON

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4th Quarter Waning Moon

### What phase is the Moon in tonight?

- make a C with each hand
- hold both hands up to the crescent moon
- if the moon's curve fits into your Left hand the moon is waning
- if the moon's curve fits into your Right hand the moon is waxing



### PLANTING WITH MOON PHASES:

The moon tells us when to plant as well as which kinds of plants are best to plant during each phase.

#### 1st Quarter Waxing Moon

Plant annuals with OUTSIDE SEEDS:

- all leafy greens, including chard, kale, spinach, broccoli, cabbage
- corn
- radishes
- herbs such as basil, chamomile, cilantro, dill

#### 2nd Quarter Waxing Moon

Plant annuals with INSIDE SEEDS:

- beans
- cucumbers
- eggplant
- melons
- squash
- tomatoes

#### 3rd Quarter Waning Moon

Plant ROOT CROPS:

- beets
- carrots
- potatoes
- turnips
- onions
- garlic

Plant PERENNIAL herbs:

- mint
- oregano
- rosemary
- sage

Plant BULBS:

- orchids
- tulips
- iris
- lillies

Plant PERENNIAL flowers, vines, trees and shrubs.

#### 4th Quarter Waning Moon

NOT a favorable time to plant:













- fertilize
- pull weeds
- prune
- get rid of insects and garden pests

**MOON SIGNS:** Since ancient times the zodiac has been used as an accurate way to measure the moon's position in the night sky. Each one of the zodiac signs symbolizes either a fertile or a barren energy. The Moon stays in a sign for two to three days.

In general, when the moon moves through a fertile sign it's a good time for planting, and when the moon moves through a barren sign it's time for weeding and harvesting.

FERTILE signs are good for planting.

BARREN signs are good for garden maintenance and harvesting.

FIRE	EARTH	AIR	WATER
 Aries BARREN	 Taurus FERTILE	 Gemini BARREN	 Cancer FERTILE
 Leo BARREN	 Virgo SEMI-FERTILE	 Libra SEMI-BARREN	 Scorpio FERTILE
 Sagittarius BARREN	 Capricorn FERTILE	 Aquarius BARREN	 Pisces FERTILE

All Moon times are calculated for noon Eastern Time.

If your garden is not in Eastern Time you may have to make an adjustment on the days when the Moon changes signs.

**Central Time** is one hour earlier – follow ET

**Mountain Time** is two hours earlier – check the next day

**Pacific Time** is three hours earlier – check the next day

**GMT** is five hours later – check the day before

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## CAPRICORN ♄

While the Sun is the giver of life, the Moon is what makes life interesting! During January the Sun marks winter by spending the first half of January in Capricorn. Unlike the Sun, the Moon only spends 2-3 days in Capricorn but it is in Capricorn every month of the year.

Capricorn is a member of the fertile earth group of zodiac signs that is connected to root growth. So whenever the Moon is in Capricorn it's time to plant things that store all their energy in their roots and to get your hands dirty by working compost into the soil and weeding.



## YIN AND YANG

The biggest obstacle to overcome when you begin moon gardening is yourself. It most of today's world success is judged by the masculine (Yang) standards of productivity-how much, how big.

Moon gardening takes a different, feminine (Yin) approach that is centered on process. It suggests waiting for the best time for every activity. Instead of making your garden, try to let your garden make you.

## GOOD GARDEN READ

East More Dirt: Diverging and Instructive Tips for Growing and Finding an Organic Garden

by Ellen Sandbeck

Well-written and fun to read!



# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2015				1	2	3
				prune   pinch back   mow for growth		
					♊ Gemini	
<b>FULL MOON</b> 4	water   fertilize plant root crops, bulbs, perennials	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Harvest   Exhale</b> ♋ Cancer		harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests		fertilize   plant perennials vines		
			♌ Leo			♍ Virgo
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
plant perennials flowers	prune/mow for no growth		water   fertilize		harvest   weed   kill insects and destroy pests	
♎ Libra	♎ Libra		♏ Scorpio			♏ Sagittarius
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
fertilize   cultivate soil mulch   spread compost	<b>NEW MOON</b> 20	prune   pinch back   mow for growth		water   plant annuals with outside seeds		prune   pinch back   mow for growth
♏ Capricorn	♏ Capricorn	♏ Capricorn				♏ Capricorn
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
prune   pinch back   mow for growth	plant annuals with inside seeds for strong roots		prune   pinch back   mow for growth		water plant annuals with inside seeds	
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Gardeners know all the best dirt!

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