

# When to Plant Onions and Leeks

*Planting guide by zone*

| Zone | Last Spring Frost (average) | Start Onion Seeds Indoors | Plant Onion Sets and Transplants | Start Leek Seeds Indoors |
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| **Zone 3** | Late May | Mid February to mid March | Early to late May | Mid to late March |
| **Zone 4** | Mid May | Early February to early March | Late April to mid May | Early to mid March |
| **Zone 5** | Early May | Late January to late February | Early April to early May | Late February to early March |
| **Zone 6** | Mid to late April | Mid January to early February | Late March to mid April | Mid to late February |
| **Zone 7** | Early April | Late December to late January | Mid March to early April | Late January to early February |
| **Zone 8** | Mid to late March | Mid December to early January | Late February to mid March | Mid to late January |
| **Zone 9** | Mid February to early March | Late November to mid December | Late January to late February | Mid to late December |

Plant leek transplants outdoors around your last frost, when they are pencil-thick.

Choose long-day onions in the North and short-day onions in the South.