

# General Seed Starting Guide



## Make a plan

Once you decide what you would like to grow this year, make a plan! Different plants are planted at different times of the spring, so do some research to know when to plant yours. **Keep an eye out on your frost dates!** Some plants need to be planted before or right after frost, and some can tolerate some frost.

Our Seed Packets make this easy! Time to plant is handily included right on the front of the seed packets to make planting easier for you, so get some early to help you plan your garden. [Order some from our store today!](#)



## Purchase the right tools for the job

Time to grab some containers and potting soil! If you're going to start from seed indoors, you're going to need a few different tools to get the job done – Moscarillo's offers the answers for all this, including an experienced staff to walk you through the steps - We provide a full seeding kit for those who are a little more hands off, but also provide all the parts you need to create your own indoor seed farm (Grow lights, heat mats, trays, and more!) Stop by in store today and speak to our experienced greenhouse staff to help you get started, or just for some advice!



We offer [our potting soils online](#) for purchase for easy access!

**The following is recommended to grow seeds indoors:**

- ☐ Seed Packets
- ☐ Planting Trays
- ☐ Growing Pots
- ☐ Potting Soil
- ☐ Grow/Plant Lights
- ☐ A room with gentle warmth, or heat mats
- ☐ Watering Can
- ☐ Labels for your seeds! (This is extremely helpful in the long run)

Or alternatively, in-store, you can purchase pre-made seed-starting kits to make things a bit easier.

## Planting & Transplanting

Time to get your little ones in the ground. It is important to know how deep the seeds should go - so pay attention to your seed packets. Its recommended you add 2-3 seeds into your pots, for a higher chance of germination. Fill your pot/trays with recommended seed starter soil. Gently press the depth you need for your seed into the soil (you can use the edge of a pencil or something similar), and place the seeds into the hole.

Once the seeds are in the ground, go ahead and cover them up with soil and moisten. You can speed up germination by covering with plastic wrap or a plastic dome to trap heat. If all your seeds germinate, snip two to make sure you only leave one, so it grows strong. (You'll want to keep the strongest looking of the three). You should immediately keep the seeds under grow lights from now until transplanting.

Once the seeds sprout out of the ground, remove any covers/plastic you had over the seeds for warmth. **Make sure to keep lots of light on the plants and rotate the pots/trays frequently so they do not lean too much into the light.** If you are using artificial lights (this is recommended for indoor seeds), they should be only a few inches above the tops of the seeds and kept lit for at least 14 hours a day. Continue to raise the lights as the seeds get taller. Typically after 4-6 weeks, your seeds should be ready to transplanted to the ground!