



2017 GARDEN CALENDAR

HERB APPEAL



Herbs embody past, present and future. They date back through the ages, bearing cultural, religious and economic significance. They're also steeped in rich culinary traditions. We're helping herbs capture the prominence they once had and making them the focus of our *2017 WVU Extension Service Garden Calendar*. Why?

Have you ever smelled basil as you brushed against it in the garden? Tasted your Thanksgiving feast roasted with sprigs of rosemary? Seen the purple lavender flowers in full bloom? If you haven't, this year I urge you to explore herbs in the here and now — while making memories connected to the strong sense of smell, delicious taste and striking visuals. That's "herb appeal," our theme for the calendar this year.

Our Agriculture and Natural Resources experts will enlighten you on types, varieties and tips to start, or enhance, your herb garden along with the trusted gardening information you've come to expect.

Not quite sure what to do with the herbs once they're ready? There are recipes in the back from our Families and Health program so you can taste the fresh, vibrant flavor they offer.

As always, we wish you the best as you grow this year. If you have more questions about what's happening in your garden or home, the experts in your local county office of the WVU Extension Service are here to help.

Sincerely,



Steve Bonanno, Dean and Director of the WVU Extension Service

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Increase humidity for houseplants	3 Plan garden layout	4 Browse seed catalogs	☾ First Quarter 5 Cut poinsettias to 6 inches and place in sunny windows	6 Order herb seeds Harvest overwintered Brussels sprouts	7 Harvest overwintered kale
8	9 Create a garden map	10 Order seed varieties Consult WVU Extension's recommendations	11 Seed tomatoes for early high tunnel planting	☉ Full Moon 12 Service power equipment	13 Clean garden tools	14 Test germination of stored seeds
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Use grow lights for vegetable seedlings	17 Gently remove snow or ice from evergreens and shrubs	18	☾ Last Quarter 19	20	21 Organize a community garden
22	23	24	25 Order fertilizer and lime according to soil test results	26 Plan spring landscape design	☉ New Moon 27	28
29	30	31	<p><i>This year's calendar offers resources to gardeners and cooks of all experience levels. Flip through each month to learn how to plant, grow and use a variety of herbs. Then turn to the back to find an herb variety chart, pest management tips and recipes from WVU Extension Service experts that will help take you from seed-sowing to the kitchen table.</i></p>			

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			1	2	☾ First Quarter 3	4
				Groundhog Day	Harvest overwintered vegetables	
5	6	7	8	9	☽ Full Moon 10	11
	Start a kitchen herb garden	Apply lime and fertilizer Order fruit trees	Order a high tunnel	Seed head lettuce (indoors)	Build a low tunnel or cold frame	Seed leeks (indoors) Seed cauliflower (indoors)
12	13	14	15	16	17	☾ Last Quarter 18
	Clean dust from houseplants with damp cloth	Valentine's Day Seed celery (indoors)	Seed leafy salad greens in high tunnel	Order herb seeds Prune grapes	Seed broccoli (indoors)	Order seed potatoes
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Presidents' Day Seed peas (outdoors) south of U.S. Rt. 60	Prune raspberries, blackberries and fruit trees	Seed cabbage (indoors) Plant Irish potatoes in high tunnel	Seed onions and greens in cold frame or low tunnel	Apply lime sulfur to blueberries Prune blueberries	Apply dormant oil spray to fruit trees Prune deciduous trees and shrubs
☾ New Moon 26	27	28	<p><i>Boasting a fresh, floral scent, lavender is a member of the mint family of herbs. Used often in small amounts to enhance color and taste in both sweet and savory dishes, lavender pairs well with fennel, oregano and rosemary in most recipes.</i></p>			
	Mow asparagus ferns Presprout seed potatoes					

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			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 Seed artichokes (indoors)	4 Order specialty seed potatoes
☾ First Quarter 5	6 Seed microgreens	7 Plant broadleaf evergreens	8 Plant onion sets	9 Take cuttings from herbs	10 Seed chives Build a high tunnel	11 Seed leaf lettuce and spinach (indoors)
☉ Full Moon 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13 Seed tomatoes (indoors)	14 Seed peppers (indoors)	15 Seed Swiss chard (indoors)	16 Seed peas (outdoors) Plant nonflowering trees and shrubs	17 St. Patrick's Day Seed radishes, spinach and leeks (outdoors)	18 Seed parsnips Plant roses
19	☾ Last Quarter 20 Spring Begins Seed salsify Set head lettuce	21 Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs	22 Seed eggplant (indoors)	23 Plant asparagus (outdoors)	24 Set strawberry plants	25 Divide overcrowded rhubarb
26	● New Moon 27 Seed radishes (outdoors) Plant rhubarb	28 Plant potatoes Fertilize asparagus and rhubarb beds	29 Begin dogwood anthracnose control Use row covers for freeze protection	30 Seed lavender (indoors)	31 Seed cutting celery (indoors)	

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						1 April Fools' Day Seed Swiss chard, carrots and parsnips (outdoors)
2	☾ First Quarter Seed onions, beets and radishes (outdoors)	3	4 Seed basil for transplant (indoors) Plant cabbage and kohlrabi	5 Plant potatoes and raspberries Seed beets and kale (outdoors)	6 Seed or plant broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower (outdoors)	7 Seed komatsuna Plant blackberries Seed parsnips (outdoors)
8	9 Seed shallots Plant peas and seed radishes (outdoors) Apply crabgrass control Palm Sunday	☽ Full Moon 10 Seed leaf lettuce (outdoors) Passover Begins	11 Seed late tomatoes (indoors) Loosen mulch on strawberries	12 Order sweet potato slips or bed sweet potatoes for transplanting	13 Fertilize lawn Seed or plant collards Seed watermelons (indoors)	14 West Virginia Arbor Day Good Friday Start compost pile Plant perennials
15	16 Remove row cover from strawberries Refresh mulch in landscape beds Easter	17 Plant peas (outdoors) Transplant leeks Seed new lawn	☾ Last Quarter 18 Seed chives (outdoors) Seed annual herbs	19 Seed carrots Seed Swiss chard	20 Seed Asian greens Plant sweet corn (indoors)	21 Earth Day Plant summer-flowering bulbs
22	23	24 Apply pre-emergent landscape weed control	● New Moon 25 Begin spraying fruit trees after petals fall	26 Buy herb cuttings/plugs	27 Seed flat-leaf parsley	28 National Arbor Day
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	1 Seed or transplant lemon balm (outdoors)	☾ First Quarter 2	3	4	5 Transplant onions Plant fingerling potatoes	6 Transplant or seed Chinese cabbage Seed snap beans (outdoors)
7	8 Seed head lettuce (outdoors) Control broadleaf weeds in lawn	9 Seed leaf lettuce and winter squash (outdoors)	☉ Full Moon 10 Seed summer squash and cucumbers (outdoors)	11 Seed late celery (outdoors) Seed sweet corn	12 Seed cilantro (outdoors) Plant early celery and tomatoes	13 Seed thyme Plant bok choy
14 Mother's Day	15 Grow mint in containers Seed annual flowers	16 Transplant or seed melons Fertilize houseplants	17 Plant sweet potatoes	☾ Last Quarter 18 Plant large pumpkins	19 Plant peppers and cabbage	20 Plant okra Seed lima beans Harvest established asparagus
21	22 Avoid planting tomatoes or peppers with blooms	23 Seed sweet corn Remove strawberry blossoms on new plants	24 Seed or transplant basil Seed malabar spinach	● New Moon 25 Install row covers to exclude insects on cabbage and broccoli	26 Prune azaleas, viburnum, lilac and forsythia after blooming	27 Begin control measures for cucumber beetle Plant tomatoes and eggplant
28	29 Memorial Day Turn compost Plant jack-o'-lantern pumpkins	30 Prune tomatoes at first flowering Plant an herb garden	31 Stake and mulch tomatoes Trellis cucumbers	<i>Known as one of the healthiest herbs, basil's sweet, fresh leaves contain an impressive list of nutrients. The basil plant is easily maintained both indoors and outdoors and is a star ingredient in many pestos, soups and pasta dishes.</i>		

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				☾ First Quarter 1 Plant asparagus beans	2 Seed or transplant fennel Seed lettuce as a companion plant to tomatoes	3 Seed snap beans and carrots Seed summer squash and corn for late crop
4	5 Seed cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli for fall crop Seed lettuce	6 Seed parsley Seed pumpkins and winter squash	7 Seed leaf and Bibb lettuce Plant celery	8 Monitor for garden pests Build a high tunnel	☉ Full Moon 9 Mulch garden to control weeds and conserve moisture	10 Plant tomatoes Seed bush limas Summer prune apples and peaches
11	12 Begin control measures for squash vine borer	13 Seed sweet corn and beets	Flag Day 14 Seed pumpkins and winter squash Begin bagworm control	15 Side-dress sweet corn with additional nitrogen	16 Deadhead annuals to encourage more flowers	☾ Last Quarter 17 Transplant thyme Pinch blackberry canes Plant peppers
18 Father's Day	19 Prune spring-flowering shrubs Control cabbage worms with DiPel® or row cover	West Virginia Day 20 Renovate (e.g., leaf removal, fertilize, etc.) strawberries after last harvest	21 Summer Begins Pinch back garden mums Seed dill	22 Seed pole limas and snap beans Treat lawn for white grubs using systemic insecticide	☀ New Moon 23 Prune pine trees End asparagus harvest	24 Seed or transplant savory Harvest beet greens Turn compost
25	26 Plant late tomatoes and peppers	27 Add non-seed-bearing weeds to compost	28 Plant basil	29 Transplant rosemary Plant cilantro	☾ First Quarter 30 Seed basil	

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2	3 Seed late corn, snap beans, kale and broccoli Seed or plant endive	4 Independence Day	5 Watch for early and late tomato blight Seed carrots and Swiss chard	6 Plant grape or cherry tomatoes for fall Seed late sweet corn and beets	7 Mulch to conserve soil moisture	8 Watch for Japanese beetles
☉ Full Moon 9	10 Order garlic seed	11 Plant Chinese cabbage	12 Remove raspberry canes after fruiting Seed borage	13 Pinch the top of black raspberry canes	14 Seed dill Turn compost	15 For the largest flowers, remove side shoots from main stem
☾ Last Quarter 16	17 Seed collards and kale for fall	18 Harvest summer squash when young and tender	19 Plant cauliflower Don't let weeds go to seed	20 Plant fall broccoli and Swiss chard	21 Seed fall cucumbers	22 Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods
● New Moon 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
☾ First Quarter 30	31 Plant peppers for fall crop	Seed summer squash for fall crop	Take cuttings from herbs	Pinch basil so there are four pairs of leaves per plant	Plant Brussels sprouts	

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		Add non-seed-bearing weeds to compost	Seed beets Water plants deeply each time	Seed beans and peas for fall crop	Seed spinach Seed fall carrots	Plant cabbage for fall crop
6	○ Full Moon 7	8	9	10	11	12
	Plant Chinese cabbage	Seed lettuce for fall crop	Watch for downy mildew	Seed mustard greens Seed radishes	Seed fall cucumbers	Control broadleaf lawn weeds
13	◐ Last Quarter 14	15	16	17	18	19
	Take note of new varieties Seed beets	Harvest okra pods every other day Install sod	Seed rutabagas Seed Asian greens	Watch for powdery mildew on pumpkins and winter squash	Seed radishes	Seed fall herbs
20	● New Moon 21	22	23	24	25	26
		Seed bok choy Turn compost	Seed turnips	Plant collards	Seed lawn	
27	28	◑ First Quarter 29	30	31	<p><i>Mint's cooling effect pairs wonderfully with all kinds of dishes and cuisine styles. Perhaps one of the most versatile herbs, mint adds a fresh pop to savory dishes and a sweet kick to ice cream, smoothies and chocolate desserts.</i></p>	
	Apply nitrogen to strawberries	Seed arugula				

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					Order spring-flowering bulbs Seed fall carrots	Seed spinach Plant crocus Dig late potatoes Turn compost
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	Labor Day Renovate lawn or reseed bare spots Seed cover crop	Prepare root cellar Aerate lawn	○ Full Moon Save seeds Seed lettuce for fall crop	Plant fall turnips and radishes Divide peonies Build a high tunnel	Build a cold frame Seed carrots in high tunnel or cold frame	Harvest early pumpkins Don't let weeds go to seed Plant hardy evergreens
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	Patriot Day Control broadleaf weeds in lawn	Seed scallions (bunching onions) in a cold frame	☾ Last Quarter Plant garden mums Harvest colored peppers	Begin pumpkin harvest Seed fall spinach	Begin 14 hours of darkness to turn color of poinsettias	Seed rye and hairy vetch for winter cover crop
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	Seed lettuce in high tunnel Repot houseplants	Take a fall soil test from lawn and garden	● New Moon Plant shallots	Harvest early-planted sweet potatoes	Autumn Begins Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods	Seed salad greens in high tunnel
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	Plant hyacinths		☽ First Quarter		Bring rosemary plants indoors before frost	

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8	9 Columbus Day Harvest sweet potatoes	10 Harvest green tomatoes and gourds before frost	11 Divide perennials Harvest late pumpkins before frost	☾ Last Quarter 12 Remove old crop residue and seed winter cover crop	13 Harvest winter squash	14 Store winter squash in cool, dry location
15	16 Plant multiplier or potato onions Plant spring bulbs	17 Plant or transplant lilies that flower July 15 – Sept. 15	18 Seed spinach for overwintering	● New Moon 19 Turn compost	20	21 Prepare landscape bed for spring planting
22	23 Plant or transplant deciduous trees and shrubs after leaves drop	24 Save wildflower seeds for spring planting	25 Prune roses and root cuttings Mow lawn for last time	26	☽ First Quarter 27 Plant garlic	28 Have garden soil tested
29	30 Fertilize lawn according to soil test	31 Halloween Mulch greens (chard, collards, etc.)	<p><i>The tiny, yellow flower of the chamomile plant not only makes for an eye-catching centerpiece, but it is also a culinary staple in a variety of different cuisines. Infuse into tea or fresh lemonade for a floral note or incorporate into seafood dishes for a gentle, sweet flavor.</i></p>			

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			1	2	3	○ Full Moon 4 Remove stakes and trellises
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 Mulch carrots for winter use	7 Fertilize under deciduous trees and shrubs Turn compost	8 Water trees and shrubs thoroughly if fall has been dry	9 Remove diseased plant debris from garden	☾ Last Quarter 10 Apply lime and fertilizer according to soil test	11 Veterans Day Winterize garden tools
12	13 Harvest parsnips	14 Harvest Brussels sprouts	15 Mulch strawberries	16 Mulch thyme plants before winter	17	● New Moon 18 Turn compost
19	20 Mulch perennial beds	21 Harvest salad greens from high tunnel	22 Cut hardy chrysanthemums to 2 or 3 inches and mulch	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Mulch perennial herbs	25 Fertilize houseplants
☾ First Quarter 26	27	28	29	30	<i>Fresh thyme is a culinary workhorse, as its woody quality lends itself naturally to roasted meats, soups and stews. It doubles as an aromatic, used just as much for its delicious smell as it is for its earthy taste.</i>	

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					1 Turn compost Protect shrubs from harsh weather Mulch hybrid roses	2 Select cut Christmas tree with flexible needles
○ Full Moon 3	4	5 Overwinter spinach and Swiss chard	6 Mulch perennial herbs	7 Begin harvest of high tunnel carrots and lettuce	8 Buy live Christmas tree	9
◐ Last Quarter 10	11 Turn compost	12 Hanukkah Begins	13 Harvest Brussels sprouts	14	15	16
17	● New Moon 18	19	20 Hanukkah Ends	21 Winter Begins	22	23
24	25	◑ First Quarter 26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Plant live Christmas tree				

CONTROLLING GARDEN PESTS

Careful attention to all pests, including diseases, insects and weeds, is vital for gardening success. Instead of controlling them separately, control all three for a more effective, long-term solution throughout the year. Here are our expert recommendations for healthier plants, better yields and less stress for you, the grower.



DISEASE CONTROL



WEED CONTROL




INSECT CONTROL

JANUARY

 Plan for preventative strategies to manage pests in gardens.


FEBRUARY

 If you are keeping your own seeds, treat them with hot water or a sodium hypochlorite solution to manage seedborne diseases.

MARCH

 Buy treated seeds or resistant varieties if available.

 Conduct primary tillage after soil has thawed and let it fallow.

 Monitor oregano for aphids and spider mites. Apply appropriate control methods.


APRIL


 Fumigate soil if nematode count is high or if there has been a past pest problem.

 Establish herb gardens in soil free of perennial weeds.

 Monitor cilantro for caterpillars.

MAY


 Avoid seeding in moist soil and ensure proper drainage to reduce damping off or foot rot of seedlings.

 Till after weed seedlings have emerged and apply mulch prior to weed germination. Landscape fabric may be installed for perennial herbs.

 Monitor thyme for spider mites. Apply appropriate control measures.

JUNE


 Use drip or trickle irrigation rather than overhead sprinklers to reduce the spread of foliar herb diseases.

 Remove young and actively growing weeds with a hoe or by hand. Use carfentrazone to control annual broadleaf weeds and clopyralid to control broadleaf weeds in mint and spearmint.

 Monitor sweet basil for Japanese beetles. Control by hand removal or appropriately labeled insecticides.


JULY

 Monitor cilantro, tarragon and basil for downy mildew.


 Young, actively growing grassy-weeds can be controlled by applying clethodim. Keep the garden's outer edge free of weeds.

 Monitor parsley for caterpillars.

AUGUST


 Monitor for rust pustules on mint leaves. Minimize overhead irrigation and apply azoxystrobin fungicide. Prune overgrown canopies to facilitate quick drying and sunlight penetration.

 Dig up entire perennial weeds' root systems to destroy them.


 Monitor rosemary for aphids and spider mites. Apply appropriate control measures.

SEPTEMBER


 Establish crucifer cover crop for managing soilborne pathogens.

 Carefully apply glyphosate to emerged perennial weeds. Be sure to avoid contact with the herbs.


OCTOBER

 Remove all crop debris and infected leaves from the field to minimize the risk of disease for the next crop.

NOVEMBER

 Review the diseases that occurred during the season and develop a rotation plan. Explore availability of disease-resistant varieties.

DECEMBER

 Prune diseased twigs and burn them to reduce the source of infection on next year's growth.

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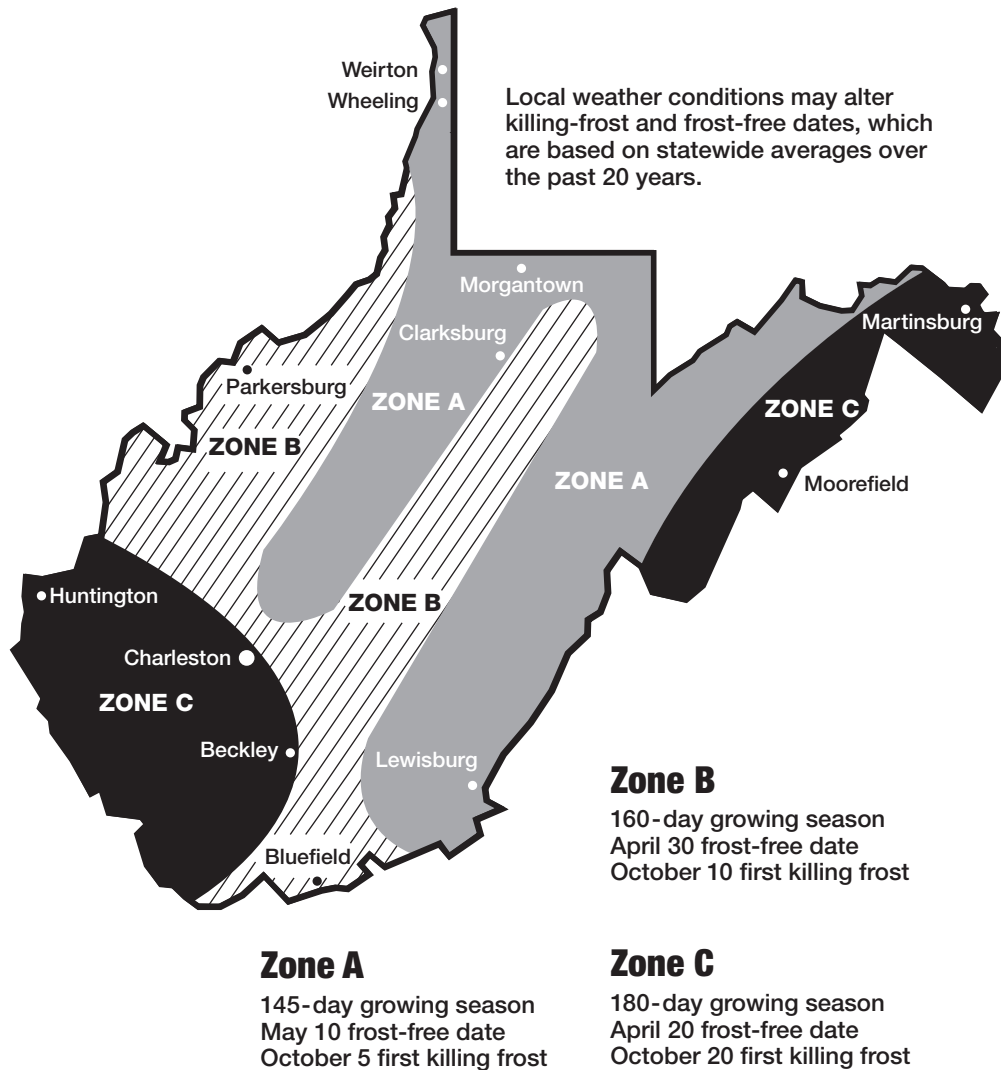


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