

# Edible Landscaping Glossary - Plant Life Cycles

## **Annual:**

Completes life cycle in 1 year (or growing season).

After sowing a seed, the plant germinates, grows stems and leaves, then flowers, and sets seed before dying completely.



### **Examples:**

Sugar snap peas  
Sunflowers  
Beans  
Marigold flowers  
Summer squash  
Lettuces

## **Biannual:**

Requires 2 years to complete life cycle.

Year 1: Vegetative growth (stem and leaf) occurs

Year 2: Sets flower and seeds, then dies completely.



### **Examples:**

Carrots  
Beets  
Parsley  
Turnips  
Leeks  
Fennel

## **Perennial:**

Lives more than 2 years before completing life cycle.

They can remain in tact all year, or die back to the ground each year, then re-grow from base or root.



### **Examples:**

Blueberry  
Artichoke  
Asparagus  
Rhubarb  
Strawberry, Raspberry  
Rhubarb  
Huckleberry  
Rosemary, Sage, Thyme

# Edible Landscaping Glossary - Crop Seasons

Crop Season	Ready for Harvest at	Notes	Examples	
<b>Short-season</b>	4 - 6 weeks	Because of their brief growth cycle, you can typically grow multiple batches of short-season crops within a single growing year.	Arugula Bush Beans Cilantro Leaf Lettuce	Mustard Greens Radishes Spinach
<b>Half-season</b>	2 - 3 months	Most half-season crops can be grown at least twice per year, often in the spring and fall.  <i>*Note: In the PNW, basil and summer squash only grow well outdoors during the summer months, and are typically only planted once per year.</i>	Basil* Beets Broccoli Carrots	Collards Kale Peas Summer Squash*
<b>Long-season</b>	3 - 6+ months	Long-season crops can take months to mature and may have a long harvest period, so they are generally only planted once per growing season/year.	Brussels Sprouts Corn Cucumber Garlic Leeks	Onion Peppers Pole Beans Tomato Winter Squash

Crop	Season length	Days to harvest	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Arugula	Short	30-50			P1	H1	P2	H2	P3	H3	P4	H4	P5	H5	P6	H6
Beets	Half	50-65			P1		H1	P2		H2	P3		H3	P4		H4
Broccoli	Half	60-85		H3 (OW)	P1			H1		P2		P3 (OW)	H2			
Garlic	Long	250-270							H1			P1				
Tomato	Long	75-85					P1 (transplant)			H1						

Typical last frost  
Zone 8

Typical 1st frost  
Zone 8