HOUSTON

GARDEN PLANNER

Printable pages for readers of
***Houston Vegetable Gardening** by Amir Ali*

Print as many copies of each page as you need for your own garden. Start with the planting calendar, then use the planner pages season after season.

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Houston Planting Calendar at a Glance

Typical dates for a mid-February last freeze and early-December first freeze. North of the city, plant a week or two later in spring and earlier in fall.

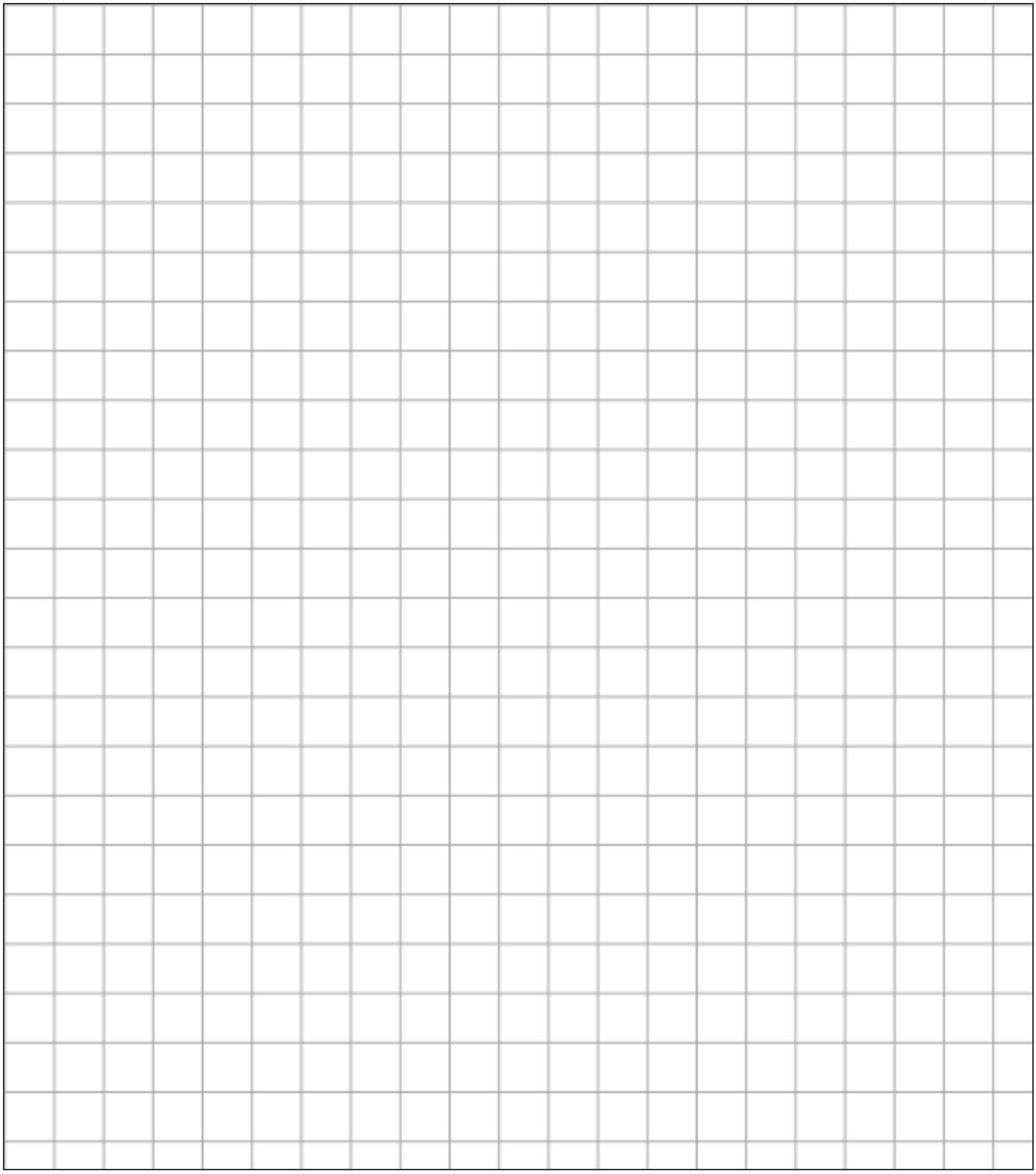
Crop	Spring planting	Fall planting
Tomatoes (transplants)	mid-Feb to late Mar	July to mid-Aug
Peppers (transplants)	late Feb to early Apr	July 1 to Aug 1
Eggplant (transplants)	late Feb to early Apr	mid-July to Aug 1
Bush and pole beans (seed)	mid-Mar to mid-Apr	late Aug to Sept
Lima beans (seed)	late Mar to Apr	mid-July to mid-Aug
Summer squash (seed or transplant)	mid-Mar to mid-Apr	mid-July to mid-Aug
Winter squash and pumpkin (seed)	late Mar to mid-Apr	July 1 to 15 (pumpkin to Aug 1)
Cucumbers (seed)	mid-Mar to mid-Apr	mid-Aug to early Sept
Cantaloupe and watermelon (seed)	late Mar to mid-Apr	mid-July to Aug 1 (watermelon from July 1)
Sweet corn (seed)	late Feb to Mar	not recommended
Okra (seed)	late Mar to June	through July
Southern peas (seed)	Apr to June	July 1 to Aug 1
Sweet potatoes (slips)	Apr to June	not recommended
Irish potatoes (seed pieces)	mid-Jan to mid-Feb	mid-Aug to early Sept
Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower (transplants)	Jan to late Feb	mid-Aug to Oct
Brussels sprouts (transplants)	not recommended	Sept to early Oct
Kale and collards	Jan to Mar	mid-Aug to Oct
Swiss chard (seed)	Feb to Mar	mid-Aug to Nov
Lettuce (seed or transplant)	Jan to Mar	Sept to Nov
Spinach (seed)	Jan to Feb	Sept to early Oct
Carrots (seed)	Jan to Mar	mid-Aug to Nov
Beets (seed)	Jan to Feb	Sept to early Oct
Radishes and turnips (seed)	Jan to Mar	Sept to Nov
Mustard greens (seed)	Feb to Mar	Sept to Nov
English and snap peas (seed)	Jan	Sept to Oct
Onions (transplants)	Jan to early Feb	seed in Oct to Nov
Garlic (cloves)	not recommended	late Sept to Oct

My Garden at a Glance

My area / neighborhood	
Average last freeze (spring)	
Average first freeze (fall)	
Hours of direct sun — bed 1	
Hours of direct sun — bed 2	
Hours of direct sun — bed 3	
Soil test date	
Soil pH	
Nutrients low / high	
Where I buy soil, compost, mulch	
Where I buy seeds and transplants	
County Extension office phone	
Water timer settings	
Frost cloth / supplies stored at	

Bed Layout Grid

Season: _____ Year: _____ Bed / container: _____



Each square = 1 foot. Mark north with an arrow. Tall crops on the north side.

Spring Season Planner

Year: _____

Crop	Variety	Sown / transplanted	Where	Expected harvest	Notes

Fall Season Planner

Year: _____

Crop	Variety	Sown / transplanted	Where	Expected harvest	Notes

January Checklist

Year: _____ See Chapter 5 for this month's plan.

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Notes and weather this month

February Checklist

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March Checklist

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April Checklist

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May Checklist

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June Checklist

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July Checklist

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August Checklist

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September Checklist

Year: _____ See Chapter 5 for this month's plan.

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October Checklist

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November Checklist

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December Checklist

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Notes and weather this month

Seed Inventory

Crop	Variety	Source	Year bought	Amount left

Watering and Feeding Log

Date	Bed	Water (in / min)	Fertilizer used	Notes

Pest and Problem Log

Date	Crop	Problem seen	What I did	Result

Harvest Tracker

Date	Crop	Amount	Notes

Weather Log

Date	Event (freeze, storm, flood, heat)	Low / high temp	What I did	Damage

Season Review

Season and year

What grew best

What struggled or failed, and why

Pests and diseases I saw

Weather surprises

Varieties to grow again

Varieties to skip

What I will change next time

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