

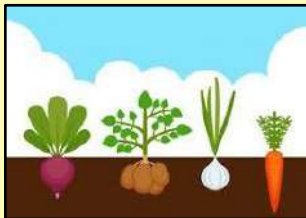


# Planning Your Spring Garden

Use a *Maryland Hardiness Zone Map* and a *Vegetable Planting Schedule* to plan a spring garden.

One important winter task for farmers is making decisions about what crops to plant in the spring.

**Step into a farmer's shoes today and plan your garden for spring.**



Have you ever wondered what else farmers do in the winter?

Here are some of the tasks that keep farmers busy:



- Feeding and caring for farm animals
- Maintaining and repairing farm equipment
- Selling and transporting last year's crop
- Learning and connecting with other farmers

To read more about what farmers do in winter click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y45un3gk).  
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To watch a video showing what one Maryland farmer does in winter click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y6xbbrhs).  
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For this activity you will need:

- one copy of the map *Maryland Hardiness Zones*
- one copy of the paper *Vegetable Planting Schedules*
- a pencil

Directions:

1. Look at the *Maryland Hardiness Zones Map*. Find the county you live in and your hardiness zone.
2. Find the Planting Schedule for your hardiness zone (6 or 7) on the *Vegetable Planting Schedules* paper.
3. Choose three vegetables that you would like to plant in the spring and write them on the chart. Use the appropriate planting schedule (6 or 7) to fill in the chart with names of months.

