

■ October Planting Survival Checklist ■

■ Timing	Check your frost dates and count back crop maturity days.
■ Watering	Test soil before watering; aim for deep, infrequent sessions.
■ Soil Amendments	Work in 1–2 inches of compost, then mulch with leaves or straw.
■ Spacing	Thin seedlings: lettuce 6–8 inches, kale 12–18 inches.
■ Crop Choice	Avoid summer crops; focus on fall-hardy greens and roots.
■ Microclimate	Avoid frost pockets; use walls/raised beds to trap warmth.
■ Freeze Protection	Cover beds before sunset with row covers or cold frames.