

VR: Astrological Gardening, Part 2: MOON PHASES AND SIGNS (applies to any calendar year) AUG 2022

WAXING ARIES MOON (OCT-APR)

Aries is one of the three fire signs that is hot and barren. Seeds planted under a waxing Aries Moon tend to be bitter or bolt quickly, but if you are feeling lucky, you could try your hand at hot and spicy peppers or herbs that thrive in dry heat.

WANING ARIES MOON (APR-OCT)

The decreasing light of the waning Aries Moon makes these two to three days a good time to focus on harvesting, cutting back, mowing the lawn, and getting rid of pests.

WAXING TAURUS MOON (NOV-MAY)

Taurus is one of the three semi-fruitful earth signs. These days are perfect ones to establish your garden by planting or fertilizing annuals. Annuals with outside seeds like lettuces, cabbage, corn and broccoli grow faster when planted under a waxing Taurus Moon that is one to seven days old. Vegetables with inside seeds like cucumbers, melons, squash, tomatoes, and beans should be planted when the Moon is seven to twelve days old. Annual flowers can be planted any time during this two-week phase.

WANING TAURUS MOON (MAY-NOV)

The decreasing light of the semi-fruitful waning Taurus Moon gives you a perfect two- or three-day window for planting perennials or digging in root vegetables and flower bulbs.

WAXING GEMINI MOON (DEC-JUN)

Gemini is one of the three dry and barren signs. But with the light of the Moon increasing, you can use these two to three days to prune or cut back plants you want to flourish and grow bigger.

WANING GEMINI MOON (JUN-DEC)

Gemini can be all over the place, so use these couple of dry and barren days when the light is decreasing to weed invasive plants that are out of control.

WAXING CANCER MOON (JAN-JUL)

Cancer is one of the three wet and fruitful signs, so when the Moon is waxing in Cancer it is the perfect time to plant seeds or set out seedlings and annual flowers that live for only one season. Annuals with outside seeds grow faster when planted under a Moon that is one to seven days old. Vegetables with inside seeds should be planted when the Moon is seven to twelve days old. Annual flowers can be planted any time during these two weeks.

WANING CANCER MOON (JUL-JAN)

Plant perennials, root vegetables, and bulbs to your heart's content under the decreasing light of this fruitful Moon.

WAXING LEO MOON (FEB-AUG)

The light of the Moon is increasing, but Leo is one of the three hot and barren fire signs. Use the two or three days of this waxing Leo Moon to cut and prune the plants and shrubs you want to be the king or queen of your garden.

WANING LEO MOON (AUG-FEB)

With the light of the Moon decreasing, this Leo Moon is a good period to dig the soil, destroy pests and insects, and burn brush.

WAXING VIRGO MOON (MAR-SEP)

Virgo is a semi-barren sign, which is good for fertilizing (Virgo is a "greenie" type that loves organics) and for planting woody vines and hardy herbs.

WANING VIRGO MOON (SEP-MAR)

With the light of this semi-barren Moon decreasing for a couple of days, plan to hoe those rows and get rid of your weeds. Harvest Moon in September.

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WAXING LIBRA MOON (~~OCT-APR~~) — REVERSED, (APR-OCT)

Libra is a semi-fruitful sign focused on beauty. Because the Moon is growing brighter in Libra, these two to three days are a great time to give your flower garden some heavy-duty TLC.

WANING LIBRA MOON (~~APR-OCT~~) — (OCT-APR)

If you want to encourage re-blooming, try deadheading your vegetables and flowers under the light of this decreasing Libra Moon. Harvest your flowers.

WAXING SCORPIO MOON (NOV-MAY)

Scorpio is one of the three wet and fruitful signs. When the Moon is waxing in Scorpio, it is the perfect time for planting annuals that have a bite, like arugula and hot peppers. Annuals with outside seeds grow faster when planted under a Moon that is one to seven days old. Vegetables with inside seeds should be planted when the Moon is seven to twelve days old. Annual flowers can be planted anytime during this two-week phase.

WANING SCORPIO MOON (MAY-NOV)

With the light of the Moon decreasing in Scorpio, a sign that likes strong and intense flavors, this is the perfect period to plant hardy perennials, garlic bulbs, and onion sets.

WAXING SAGITTARIUS MOON (JUN-DEC)

Sagittarius is one of the three hot and barren signs. Because Sagittarius prefers roaming to staying still, this waxing Moon is not a good time for planting. But you can encourage growth during the two to three days when the light is increasing by cutting back, mowing, and pruning.

WANING SAGITTARIUS MOON (DEC-JUN)

It is time to discourage growth during the days when the light of the Moon is decreasing in Sagittarius. Cut back, mow the lawn, prune, and destroy pests and insects you never want to darken your garden again.

WAXING CAPRICORN MOON (JUL-JAN)

Capricorn is a semi-fruitful earth sign. The couple of days when the light of the Moon is increasing in Capricorn are good for getting the garden into shape, setting out plants and transplants, and fertilizing.

WANING CAPRICORN MOON (JAN-JUL)

The decreasing light of this semi-fruitful Capricorn Moon is the perfect window for digging and dividing bulbs and pinching back suckers to encourage bigger blooms on your flowers and vegetables.

WAXING AQUARIUS MOON (AUG-FEB)

Aquarius is a dry and barren sign. However, the increasing light of the Aquarian Moon makes this a good opportunity to experiment by pruning or cutting back plants you want to flourish.

WANING AQUARIUS MOON (FEB-AUG)

The light of the Moon is decreasing. Use this time to harvest or to weed, cut back, and prune the shrubs and plants that you want to banish forever from your garden. Harvest vegetables.

WAXING PISCES MOON (SEP-MAR)

When the Moon is increasing in fruitful Pisces, it is a perfect period for planting seeds and annuals. Annuals with outside seeds grow faster when planted under a Moon that is one to seven days old. Vegetables with inside seeds should be planted when the Moon is seven to twelve days old. Annual flowers can be planted any time during these two weeks.

WANING PISCES MOON (MAR-SEP)

With the light of the Moon decreasing, it is time to plant all perennials, bulbs, and root vegetables except potatoes. Garden lore has it that potatoes planted under a Pisces Moon tend to grow bumps or "toes" because Pisces is associated with the feet.

Note: This table is courtesy of Llewellyn