Plants & Gardening in Winnipeg

Mosaic Outdoor Play

QUESTION TIME!

How do you prepare for planting plants & flowers?

Where do you like to plant them? Inside or outside?

Do you plant them in the ground, in raised beds, in pots?

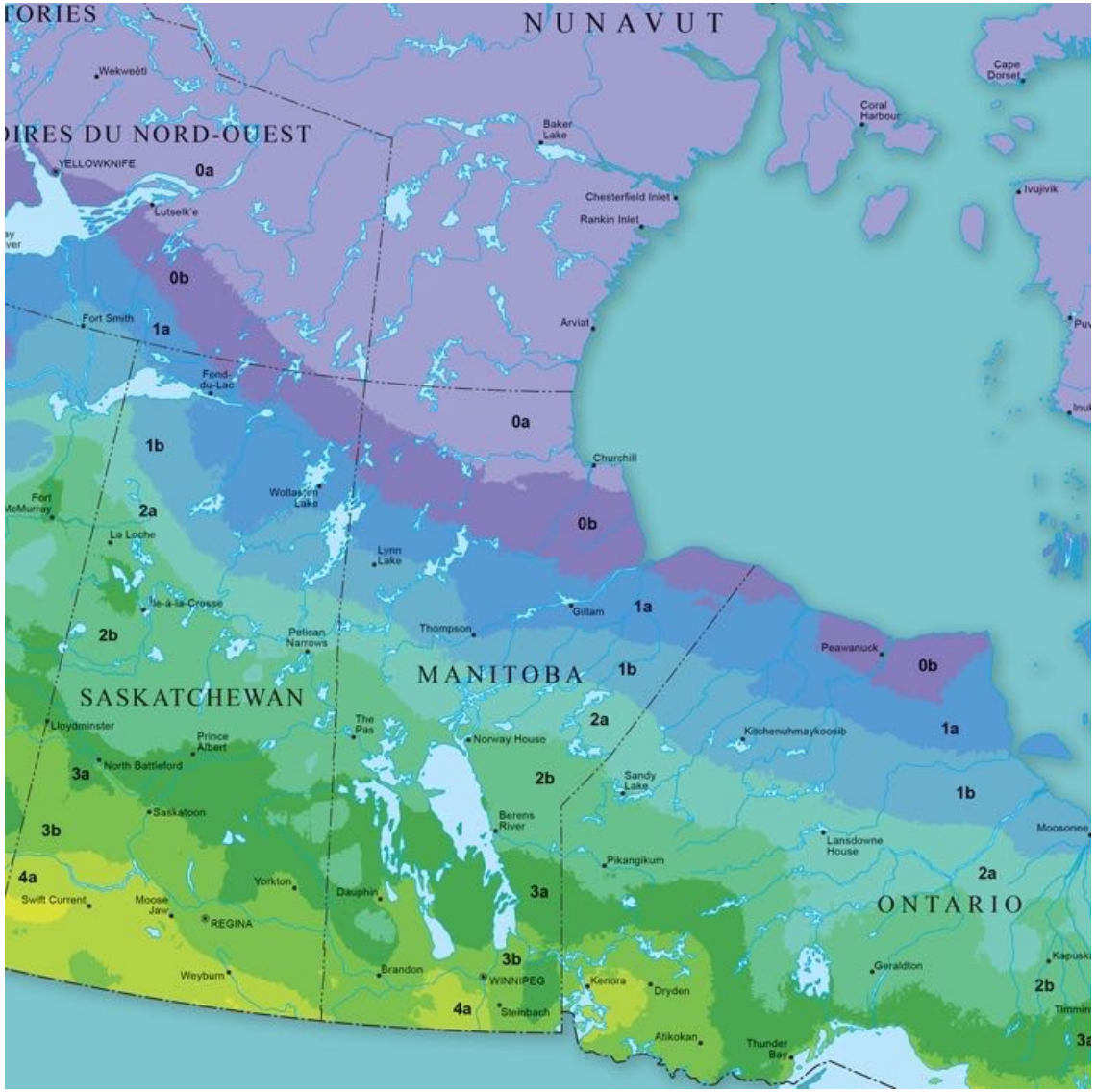
Plant Hardiness Zone

Plant hardiness tells you which plants will thrive depending on where you live based on your climate!

When you are picking out your seeds and plants, thinking of your Zone can be very helpful! After all, some trees and plants need to live out our winter temperatures too.

Winnipeg is in Zone 3!

Frost is important when planning your seeds & planting! The average last spring frost is May 25th!

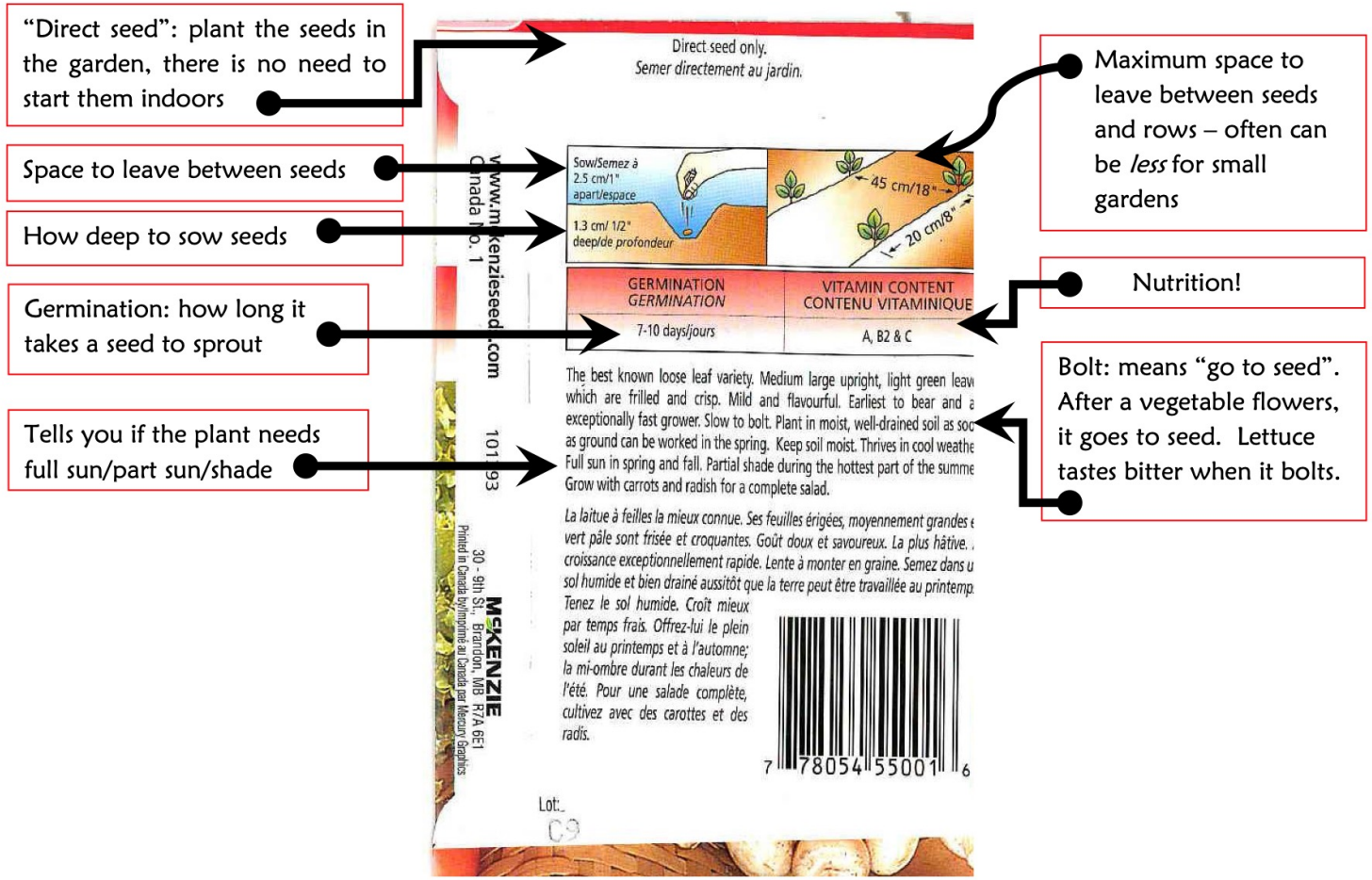


What do I do with this Zone 3 knowledge?

- You will find Zones mentioned on seed packets, plant labels and in gardening books.
- Buying seeds and plants for our zone means that will survive the best in our climate!
- Zones matter for both perennials and annuals!
- Perennials die back in the fall, but store energy in the winter to regrow for the next spring! Zone 3 perennials can survive Winnipeg's winter. (We are Zone 3 Humans ☺)
- Annuals live for one growing season. They start from seed, grow to their mature plant, flower and then set seed. Once they seed, they will begin to die off. These are perennials in other climate/hardiness zones that are 4+

What seeds can I start indoors in May?

- Cucumbers
- Melons
- Pumpkins
- Zucchini
- Winter Squash



Ways to plant your garden

In the ground…

In raised beds…

In containers…

Balcony Gardens

- Confirm with your landlord that you're allowed to have a garden (if necessary)
- Know your sunlight!
- Choose containers – lightweight garden pots (plastic, fiberglass, rice pots)
- Ensure watering your plants won't impact your neighbours below!
- Heat and wind! If hot, try more tropical plants. If windy, use recycled stakes and supports.

Trees in Winnipeg

The most common trees you would find in Winnipeg are…

- Elm
- Ash
- Linden

Where do you notice these trees?

https://www.gov.mb.ca/forest/pubs/forest_lands/field_guide.pdf