



SEED OF THE WEEK: EARLY GREENS



Are you anxious to get growing? Now is the time to start thinking about starting some cool weather plants. This is how grandma knew when the soil was ready to plant: take a handful of garden soil and squeeze, if it crumbles when you open your hand, your ground is dry enough to plant, if you make a mud ball, wait...

Spinach, other spring greens, radish, and peas can all be planted as soon as your ground is thawed and dry enough. You don't gain much by starting peas while the soil is too cold, they just grow slower. Spinach is a green that only grows well in the spring and fall, it doesn't like heat and quickly bolts and goes to seed when the weather gets hot. Spinach won't even germinate if the soil is too warm. Likewise, radishes are best grown early in spring or in the fall. You can get a radish crop in as little as a month. If you plant too late your radishes will be woody, and your plants will bolt and go to seed. If this happens to your radish, don't despair, the green seed pods taste just like radish, and are equally crispy, you will still something edible for your effort.

Lettuce, spinach, radish, and peas are all available in the seed library, and it is very easy to save the seeds.

Happy planting!