DAHLIA START TIMELINE

DAHLIA CUTTINGS

10-12 WEEKS BEFORE PLANTING OUT

- 4-6 WEEKS TUBER TO WAKE AND SPROUTED ENOUGH TO TAKE CUTTING
- 1-2 WEEKS FOR CUTTINGS TO ROOT
- 4 WEEKS OF POTTING UP AND HARDENING OFF

PRESTARTING TUBERS

6-8 WEEKS BEFORE PLATING OUT

- OPTIONAL TO LEAVING TUEBRS IN STORAGE UNTIL PLANTING: PREPOT TUBERS AND PLACE IN WARM SPACE, PLANTS WILL NEED LIGHT AND WATER AS THEY GROW.
- BECAUSE OF FOLIAGE, PLANT OUT AFTER RISK OF FROST HAS PASSED

DAHLIA SEEDS

6 WEEKS BEFORE PLATING OUT

- UP TO 2 WEEKS START SEEDS IN WETTED PAPER TOWELS IN PLASTIC BAG, ONCE GERMINATED MOVE TO SOIL (DECIDE TO POT UP INTO 4" POT OR KEEP IN CELL TRAY & PLANT DIRECTLY IN GROUND)
- 2-4 WEEKS UP POTTING TO 4" SINK POT
- 1 WEEK HARDEN OFF

OR

- CONITNUE TO GROW IN CELL TRAY
- HARDEN OFF AND PLANT OUT AFTER ANY RISK OF FROST HAS PASSED

PLANTING TUBERS

AFTER RISK OF FROST

- PREPARE FOR PLANTING WITH ANY NECEASSARY SOIL AMENDMENTS
- PLANT TUBER 2-6" DEEP
- NOT NECESSARY TO WATER TUBERS UNTIL GROWTH IS 4-6" ABOVE SOIL
- PRESTARTED TUBERS WILL NEED WATERING

