

## Temperature - Growing Season

Plants grow when soil and air temperatures warm-up in the spring. Soil temperatures need to reach 40-41 degrees F in order for plants to begin growth. Plants quit actively growing in the fall, when temperatures cool. This period of growth is called a **growing season**. Across the state of Montana, the growing season varies, but generally occurs between May 1st and October 1st, approximately 5 months.

You can find climate summary information for your area at [www.mtmastergardener.org/climate.html](http://www.mtmastergardener.org/climate.html). All of the information is approximate. Expect the actual growing season to vary by plus or minus 2 weeks from year to year. Actual site conditions also play an important role in growing season characteristics. Expect a frost in every month.

### For Carbon County:

average date of last killing frost	June 4
average date of first killing frost	September 12
average growing season	100 days
average annual precipitation	18.38"

