

# Leggy Seedlings

- ▶ It is difficult to grow seedlings without a light inside in winter.
- ▶ Even the sunniest windowsill will only be getting light from one side.
- ▶ Although you may have some success, lights will create sturdier seedlings.
- ▶ To help keep these strong, turn them daily, and transplant deeply, up to the first leave.



# Plant Leeks Mid-March to June

- ▶ In March plant leeks inside, by June you can plant outside
- ▶ Northern Lights leeks are a real stunner in the winter veg plot! The leaves are an eye-catching bright purple during the winter months and look as much at home in the winter flower border as in the veg garden.
- ▶ My leeks seem to really fatten up in March and April, but I love them young, like green onions too.



# Planting in Late March

- ▶ This is a great time to direct seed arugula outside, as well as carrots.
- ▶ I like the Arugula called Amazing, and Carrots called Fly Away, which seem more resistant to carrot rust fly.
- ▶ Since I started to cover my carrot beds with remay, my germination has dramatically improved. Remay holds in moisture, warms the soil a bit, protects seeds from hungry birds and keeps out carrot fly.



You can protect your carrots from carrot rust fly but wire worms live in the soil.

Carrot Rust Fly in Carrot

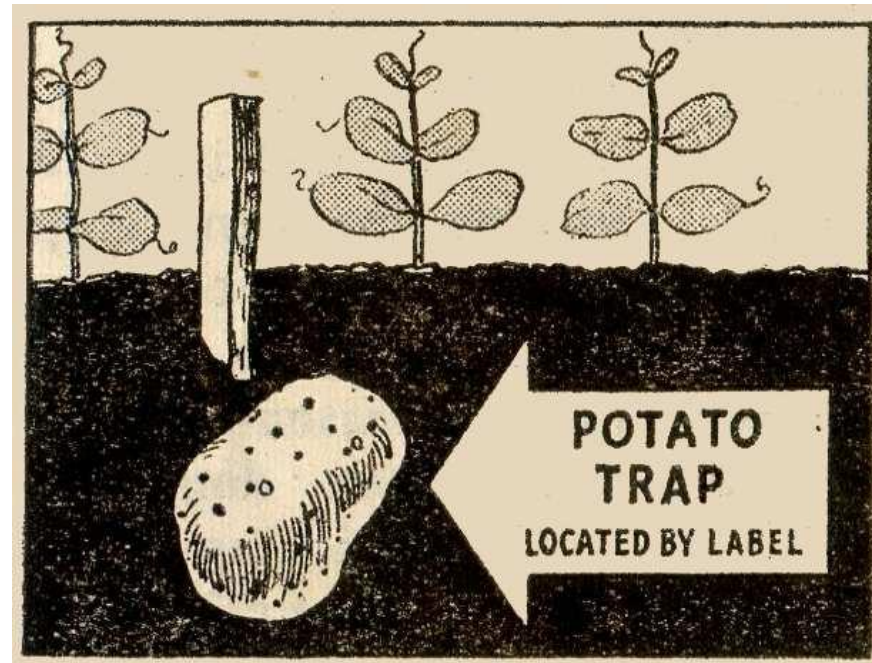


Wire Worm in Carrot



# Wire Worm Damage

- ▶ To prevent wire worm damage use chunks of potatoes put into the soil before you plant.
- ▶ Wire worms will be attracted, then pull the potatoes out and get rid of wire worms.
- ▶ This is one rare time I do not compost. I don't want the wire worms to develop into adults in my compost.
- ▶ I put them in my food waste collection bin, garbage, or feed to chickens.
- ▶ Planting carrots very late can also help.



# Planting late March, early April

- ▶ Not too late to seed more peas, but this is your best last chance before a fall crop.
- ▶ Planting any peas from April onward you should look for enation resistant varieties.
- ▶ Enation is a virus that is spread by aphids and proliferates in hot weather.
- ▶ Some enation resistant varieties are Green Arrow, Super Sugar Snap and Oregon Sugar Pod

