

# Growing Vegetables in North Vancouver

## Part 4: Onions Leeks and Scallions

2020 LVGC VEGGIEMATES

# Onions, Leeks, and Scallions

HOW TO GROW



# Types of Onions and Leeks



- **Sweet Onions**--Ailsa Craig, Kelsae, Walla Walla (Large onions)
- **Storage**-- many varieties- check the WCS Catalogue
- **Scallions**-- many varieties-picked as green onions
- **Leeks**-- summer harvest and winter harvest varieties

# When to Start and When to Plant Seeds



- When the Daffodils pop up--Start onions and leeks indoors
- Bottom heat if possible--6 to 14 days to germinate
- Once germinated keep cool but in light— about 10 C (50 F)
- Transplant into well drained soil in April 4"-8" apart
- Plant Walla Walla and Kelsae 12"-18" apart
- Cut an inch or two off the tops of plants when transplanting
- Start winter leeks March to Mid-June



# Onion Sets (An alternative to seeds)



- Limited varieties (Red, Yellow, White or Multiplier)
- Easy to grow
- Pick as green onions all summer or let mature

Just for Fun—World Record  
Largest Onion—Kelsae-17 pounds  
8 1/2 ounces

