



May
Full Moon 1
Last Quarter 9
New Moon 16
First Quarter 23
Full Moon 31
Day's Length
13h 28m-14h 7m

Hoop Tunnels
 Using Mini

Growing under cover is useful for protecting crops from frost, defending against pests, shading summer sun, and extending winter harvests. Unlike walk-in structures, mini hoop tunnels are quick to build, easy to use, and made with inexpensive materials. There are just two main components: hoops and a cover. The hoops can be made from a variety of materials, including PVC conduit, metal, wire, concrete reinforcement mesh, or even old Hula-Hoops cut in half. There are also different options for covers, such as construction-grade plastic sheeting, greenhouse polyethylene, or lightweight row-cover fabric. Your choices depend on the season and the use.

For heat-loving veggies, such as eggplant, preheat the soil in the open garden with plastic sheeting for 2 weeks before transplanting and use a mini hoop tunnel to capture heat for the first few weeks of growth. Open the ends of the tunnel during the day to vent it. Remove the cover once the spring weather has settled and nighttime temperatures are reliably above 62 degrees



In general, hoops should be tall enough so that the plants aren't in direct contact with the cover.

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3	4	Cinco de Mayo 5	6	7	8 9
Mother's Day 10	11	12	13	Ascension Day 14	15
17	18	19	20	21	Maritime Day 22
24	Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	29
31	Display Flag	30			30
Blue Micromoon					