

# HELLO Spring



## LAST Frost Dates for Hilton Head

We are all eager for spring! As the growing season approaches, the days get longer, the weather begins to warm up, and the nights start being less cold. You're still getting frost, but the chance of nightly frosts gets less and less with each passing day. Eventually, the frost stops, and this is when your tender plants are fully safe. So, how do you plan for this? The **probabilities** on this page help you assess your risk of frost, specifically for Hilton Head, on any given day. These charts were compiled by the National Gardening Association.

### *How to read these charts for Spring?*

These charts show the **probabilities** of receiving a certain temperature on a certain day, for example:

- ❖ In Hilton Head, you have a 40% chance of temperatures still hitting 20° until Jan 8.
- ❖ You even still have a small, **10%, chance of hitting 20° upto Feb 08** (don't we know it!).
- ❖ There is a 50% chance of being hit by a **32°** frost upto Feb 26.
- ❖ But you still have a 10% chance of seeing **36°** until April 09. (Keep those blankets handy!)

Hilton Head Island -- Lowest Temperature Probability In the Spring									
Temperature	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
Last 16°	Jan 5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Last 20°	Feb 8	Jan 28	Jan 19	Jan 8	--	--	--	--	--
Last 24°	Feb 23	Feb 14	Feb 6	Jan 31	Jan 24	Jan 14	--	--	--
Last 28°	Mar 9	Feb 28	Feb 22	Feb 17	Feb 12	Feb 7	Feb 1	Jan 26	Jan 17
Last 32°	Mar 19	Mar 12	Mar 7	Mar 2	Feb 26	Feb 22	Feb 18	Feb 13	Feb 6
Last 36°	Apr 9	Apr 1	Mar 27	Mar 22	Mar 18	Mar 13	Mar 9	Mar 3	Feb 24

What's a safe temperature for tender plants? You might want to consider 36° and below as 'the danger zone' for tender plants. Tropical plants are best planted in Spring, after temperatures reliably hit 50° and above.

*Happy Planting!*

*Jacqueline*