

Spring Vegetable Gardening

Everyone loves fresh vegetables, and there is nothing fresher than vegetables straight from your garden. Follow these easy tips to create your own vegetable garden.



Site Selection

- Choose a sunny spot with 6+ hours of sun per day.
- Make sure it's easy to get to, with water available.

Plan the Garden

- Pick veggies your family likes.
- Make a plan (see reverse for a sample).

Prepare the soil

- Amend soil with rich, organic material, such as peat, cow manure or homemade compost. You can also use a pre-mixed planting soil.
- Turn soil in the garden 2 to 3 weeks before planting.

Plant Seeds or Vegetable Seedlings

- Starting from seeds is economical and lets you find great varieties.
- Use planting guides to determine when to plant.
- Stagger planting times to extend harvest season.
- Try companion planting.

Take Care of Your Veggies

- Water daily at first, and slowly reduce frequency.
- Fertilize weekly with Miracle-Gro or monthly with Kerby's 8-4-8 fertilizer.
- Check garden regularly for insects and disease, and be prepared to spray if needed.

Pick when ripe and enjoy!

Warm-Season Vegetables

Plant after last frost in February – April

- Corn and Beans
- Cantaloupes and Watermelons
- Cucumbers and Eggplant
- Okra and Peppers
- Squash and Zucchini
- Tomatoes

Cool-Season Vegetables

Plant before the end of March

- Collards and Mustards
- Lettuce and Spinach
- Cabbage and Brussels
- Broccoli and Cauliflower
- Radishes and Carrots
- Onions and Celery