

Vegetable Garden Checklist

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- Planning the Site
 - Start planning your garden in January.
 - Choose a sunny spot for your vegetable garden.
 - Make sure the spot is flat.
 - Choose place near the house so that you can see your growing vegetables.
 - Have the soil tested to see what nutrients may need to be added.
 - Protect your vegetable garden with a rabbit proof fence.
- What to Plant
 - Take into consideration is what you and your family likes to eat.
 - Think about the soil and climate that you have and what will grow well in it.
 - Purchase seeds.
 - Start seeds indoors so plants can be transplanted to the garden at appropriate times.
 - Till the garden when the soil is not frozen or too wet.
 - Use string tied to small stakes place at the ends of each row as a guide to keep the rows straight.
 - Plant the seeds.
- Where to Plant What
 - Group your plants according to their harvesting period.
 - Perennials such as asparagus and some fruits should be at the side.
 - Rotate your vegetable garden planting.
 - Do not crowd your plants.
 - Take note of instructions that come with seeds.
- Tips
 - Plants need to be checked for insects during the entire gardening season/process.
 - Weed your rows of vegetables to control weeds and grass frequently as the weed seeds sprout.
 - Fertilizer will need to be applied to plants once they are above the soil.
 - If the weather turns dry, water your garden.

- Do not harvest vegetables during the middle/hottest part of the day.
- Once your vegetables are ready to harvest you can use them fresh.