

The Ten Basics Of Square Foot Gardening

1 - LAYOUT

Arrange your garden in squares, not rows.
Lay it out in 4' by 4' areas.

2 - BOXES

Build boxes to hold a new soil mix above ground.

3 - AISLES

Space boxes 3' apart to form walking aisles.

4 - SOIL

Fill boxes with Mel's special soil mix:
1/3 compost, 1/3 peat moss,
and 1/3 coarse vermiculite.

5 - GRID

Make a square foot grid for the top of each box.
A MUST!



6 - CARE

NEVER WALK ON YOUR GROWING SOIL.
Tend your garden from the aisles.

7 - SELECT

Plant a different flower, vegetable, or herb crop in each square foot, using 1, 4, 9, or 16 plants per square foot.

8 - PLANT

Conserve seeds. Plant only a pinch (2 or 3 seeds) per hole. Place transplants in a slight saucer-shaped depression.

9 - WATER

Water by hand from a bucket of sun-warmed water.

10 - HARVEST

When you finish harvesting a square foot, add compost and replant it with a new and different crop.

LOCATION



Pick an area that gets 6-8 hours of sunshine daily.



Stay clear of trees and shrubs where roots and shade may interfere.



Have it close to the house for convenience and protection.



Existing soil is not really important. You won't be using it.

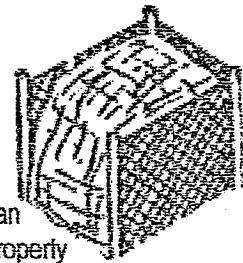


Area must not puddle after a heavy rain.

COMPOST

What is it?

Compost is a clean, crumbly, rich, earthy substance you can make for your garden soil. Properly made, it has all of the nutrients your plants need.



In just about a month you can produce your own compost. Pile up weeds, kitchen waste, barnyard manure (NOT dog or cat), dry grass clippings, leaves, etc. The greater the variety, the richer the compost. Don't add fats, meats, dairy, or bakery products. Keep mixing in new things, turn the whole pile weekly and keep it moist.

Composting:

The Key To Garden Success!



Artichoke

- Feb 15 - Mar 15
- May 1 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 1



Arugula

- Feb 1 - Mar 1
- Mar 1 - May 15
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 15



Aparagus

- Jan 1 - Mar 1
- Mar 15 - April 1
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 15



Beets

- Feb 1 - Mar 1
- Mar 1 - Aug 15
- ▲ Mar 1 - May 15



Broccoli

- Jan 15 - Mar 1
- Mar 15 - May 1
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 15



Brussels Sprouts

- Jan 15 - Mar 1
- Mar 15 - May 15
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 1



Cabbage

- Jan 15 - Mar 1
- Mar 15 - May 15
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 1



Carrots

- March 1 - June 1



Cauliflower

- Jan 15 - Feb 1
- Mar 15 - July 1
- ▲ Mar 15 - July 1



Celery

- March 1 - 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Cilantro

- Feb 1 - Feb 15
- March 1 - May 1
- ▲ April 15 - May 15



Corn

- April 15 - May 15
- May 1 - July 15
- ▲ May 15 - July 30



Cucumber

- April 1 - April 15
- May 1 - June 15
- ▲ May 1 - June 15



Eggplant

- Mar 1 - Mar 15
- May 15 - June 1
- ▲ May 10 - June 15



Fennel

- Mar 15 - April 1
- April 15 - June 1
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Garlic

- Mar 1 - 15
- Sept. 15 - Nov 15



Green Beans

- April 15 - April 21
- April 15 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



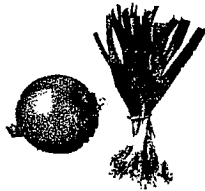
Lettuce

- Feb 1 - March 1
- Mar 15 - May 15
- ▲ April 1 - May 15



Muskmelon

- April 15 - May 1
- May 15 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Onion

- Feb 1 - Feb 15
- Mar 15 - May 1
- ▲ Mar 15 - May 1



Peas

- Feb 15 - Mar 1
- Mar 15 - May 15
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Peppers

- Mar 15 - April 1
- May 15 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15*



Potato

- March 15 - May 15



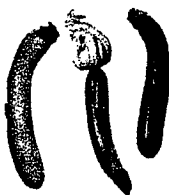
Radish

- March 1 - Sept 1



Strawberries

- ▲ Mar 15 - April 15



Summer Squash

- April 15 - May 1
- May 1 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Tomatillo

- Mar 15 - April 1
- May 1 - June 1
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Tomato

- Mar 1 - April 1
- May 1 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Watermelon

- April 15 - May 1
- May 15 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15



Winter Squash

- April 15 - May 1
- May 15 - June 15
- ▲ May 15 - June 15

VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE

■ Start Seeds Indoors

● Sow Seeds Directly

▲ Plant Transplants