



Your Best Garden Beds

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Raised Beds Improve Your Garden Performance

Use three quarters of your garden space for your raised beds and one quarter for your walkways. With this in mind, you are allowing your plants to have the greatest space and soil to grow. When you are planning your garden keep this in mind, the width of your bed is determined by your space and comfort and the depth of your mounds of soil is for the benefit of your plants needs. The width depends on the ability to reach its center to weed, prune, cultivate and harvest. For staked and or trellised plants, use a narrower bed. However you choose your widths keep in mind that the raised beds are now reserved for your plants and not to be walked on. The depth of your beds should be determined by what is best for your plants, not what is best for the gardener. What we find is that not all beds need to be lined up next to one another, or that they have to be square or a rectangle. A garden made of wide , raised,

mounded deep beds allow you to go beyond the traditional grid system of so many gardens today. As wide beds are permanent, you will no longer waste your valuable time, labor and materials adding fertilizers, composts and minerals to the walkways. Use soaker hoses or drip irrigators for an efficient system. As the plants begin to grow their leaves or foliage shades the ground beneath, so that it stays moist and with little sun very few weeds are encouraged to grow. Observe your patterns of light and shadows, for good growing please allow at least 6 hours of full sun. Also, keep in mind which way the wind blows. In windy areas try to place your garden that has some sort of windbreak, natural or not.



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Sowing Seeds Outside

- To plant large seeds, like beans or corn, make a furrow a little less than the desired depth and then push the seeds in level with the soil. This will insure that the seed will stay where you want it. Bean seeds need to have the eye down, so they will have good contact with the soil. For small seed like carrots, roll them between your thumb and fingers, for better spacing.

What to Plant

The question is which Vegetable, Flower or Herb do I want to eat or enjoy? This sounds pretty simple, and yet it's not. If you are planting a vegetable garden, will you be eating them all now, or will you be freezing or canning?

Have you ever known anyone that has zucchini –lots of zucchini that they are giving away? We try to grow what we know we will enjoy in the season and also can be frozen for winter good eating, as well as trying a few new items.

Corn, Green Beans, Beans, Peas, Onions are just a few to mention that you can enjoy all year. Tomatoes are great for

salsas, freezing (stewed or sauce). From this you can make great stews, spaghetti sauce, and so many tasty treats in the winter. Pumpkin and or Squash can be blended for freezing as well. If you have onion and peppers left from your plants, dice each of them up and freeze in zip lock bags until you need them.

You can blanch peppers for later, then make stuffed peppers, or chili or? We

enjoy so much all the flavors of our summer garden all year long. We find that when the winter months are upon us and the market just doesn't have the greatest produce, we can just go our freezer and make great items for our meals. For the Herbs, now that is another story to be told. You can grow any of our herbs, dry them and place them in an airtight container.



Vegetables

Plant Friends or Foes

Beans are friends with : Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Corn, Celery, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Squash, Strawberries, Summer Savory, and Tomatoes. **Are not friends with:** Onions, peppers, sunflowers, and garlic

Cabbage are friends with: Beans, Cucumbers, Dill, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Sage, Spinach, Thyme. **Are not friends with:** Broccoli, Cauliflower, Strawberries, Tomatoes.

Carrots are friends with: beans, let-

tuce, onions, peas, radishes, rosemary, sage, tomatoes. **Are not friends with:**

Anise, dill, parsley. **Corn are friends with:** Beans, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, peas, potatoes, squash, sunflowers.

Are not friends with: Tomatoes.

Cucumbers are friends with: beans, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, lettuce, peas, radishes, sunflowers. **Are not friends with:** Aromatic herbs, melons, potatoes. **Lettuce are friends with:** asparagus, beets, Brussels sprouts, cab-

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bage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, spinach, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes.

Rotation of Your Crop

This is an important issue for a successful garden. Do not plant lets say, tomatoes in the same area as planted in the prior year, or any of the same family. As the same plant or family member uses the same nutrients and depletes the soil for this years garden. The longer you plant the same plants in the same area the condition of the soil worsens and the greater the resulting

stress is on the plants. Depleted soil means failed crop. Soilborne diseases can stay dormant over the winter and even for many years, however most cannot survive for any length of time if the plants they need to survive have left the area. Pests winter in the soil as eggs or larvae, when



they become active in the spring, they depend on last years food supply for this year. The further the bug has to travel for it's food, the less likely it is to find it, and less likely it will survive. So move your plants to a new neighborhood

Starting Seeds Indoors

Most seeds wherever they start do not require much to become vigorous. Here are a few tips to help you to be successful with your seedlings.

A seeds starting container with good drainage. A disease free, loose planting medium, kept evenly moist. An appropriate amount of light. And last but not least the correct germination temperature.

You can purchase these kits, or you can find household things that work just as well. For instance you can use cutoff

milk containers or foam cups to start your tomatoes in. Remember to poke holes in the bottom of whatever you use for drainage. If the pot doesn't drain your plant will not grow.

You can cover this with a transparent plastic dome, creating a greenhouse, which will help maintain the proper temperature and moisture levels during the germination period. Use a



low analysis fertilizer to give the plants the boost that they need for energy to germinate. Some seeds need to be covered with a vermiculite mixture, like marigolds, tomatoes, pansies, salvia, cosmos, peppers.

Caring for Seedlings and Germination Temperatures

For each seed there is a right soil temperature for germination. When the soil is either too cool or too warm fewer seeds will germinate. And will take longer to do so. A long germination will stress the plant at the very beginning of their life, which will mean they will not grow as fast or have great immune systems to warrant off stresses from insect, changes in temperatures, moisture levels. For the best germination and strongest seedlings, seeds need soil that not only starts out at the correct tem-

perature, but stays that way.

Tomatoes— above 80°

Broccoli-1 wk at 70°, or 3 wks at 50°

Peppers & Eggplant-3 wks at 80-90°

Most lettuce-cool not higher than 60°

Cool season vegetables-peas and radishes love it cool to begin life at 65°

Spinach-1 wk at 60° or 3 wks at 40°

**Some Like it Hot and
Some Like It Cool**

Get a soil thermometer if your not sure of the exact temperatures.

Szechuan Vegetable Stir-Fry

3 tablespoons canola oil

1 each ,red ,green and yellow pepper- julienned

1/2 C red onion— julienned

1 C thick cut Yellow squash & 1 cup zucchini

1 baby eggplant and 1 minced garlic

1-2 tablespoons grated ginger

1/4 c sesame oil, 1/2 c teriyaki sause, 1/2 c canned mushrooms

3 c bok choy & 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

1 c snowpeas. Start in hot oil, add peppers and onion, then squash, zucchini, eggplant , garlic, ginger. Cook for 2 minutes then add snow peas.

Add diced chicken if you like



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