

Plant a Vegetable Garden



Grow some fun. Make a vegetable garden the easy way.

There are lots of ways you can create a terrific garden. It can be a few containers on the porch, or neat rows in a big patch in the back yard. Growing a garden is a great opportunity to include your kids in a fun project. They love being involved. With a little preparation and a little planning, you can have delicious vegetables to enjoy, year after year.

1 Plan

Decide how big of a garden you want. If you're not sure, you can always start small. While you think about it, plan around an area that gets at least six hours of sunlight. More would be better.

2 Pick Your Plants

Now you can choose what you want to grow. Keep in mind what grows best in your area and the space you have allocated. If you plant seeds, the packet will have clear directions. Just remember that seeds take longer than container plants, which you can put in the ground during the spring after the last frost.

3 Planting

With vegetables, timing is everything. Broccoli, carrots, lettuce, peas, and spinach like cool weather. So you can plant them one month before the last expected frost. After the last frost, plant your warm-weather vegetables: corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.

4 Feed and Water

At the seedling stage, your plants just need to be kept moist. Later on, make watering and feeding a regular routine. Aim for the base of the plant. For excellent results, try [Miracle-Gro® Organic Choice® All-Purpose Organic Plant Food](#), followed by a healthy dose of water. Another way to go is to feed and water at the same time with products such as [Miracle-Gro® LiquaFeed®](#).

5 Mulch and Prevent Weeds

Weeds compete with your vegetables. They steal nutrients, water, and sunlight, so you want to keep them out. A two-inch layer of mulch around your plants will help discourage weeds. Grass clippings work, too. They also provide nitrogen as they break down. Once your plants are mature, put a layer of pre-emergent around your garden bed, such as Miracle-Gro® Garden Weed Preventer.

Suggested Products



Miracle-Gro® Organic Choice® Garden Soil



Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil for Flowers & Vegetables



Miracle-Gro® Water Soluble Tomato Plant Food

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