

Plants in My Vegetable Garden
 Check those you want to plant, then identify how many and make any other notes to the right.

Beans, Pole _____
 Beans, Bush _____
 Beans, Lima _____
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 Broccoli _____
 Brussel Sprouts _____
 Cabbage _____
 Carrots _____
 Celery _____
 Corn _____
 Cucumbers _____
 Garlic _____
 Lettuces _____
 Melons _____
 Okra _____
 Onions _____
 Peas _____
 Peppers, Sweet _____
 Peppers, Hot _____
 Potatoes _____
 Pumpkins _____
 Radishes _____
 Rhubarb _____
 Summer Squash _____
 Sweet Potatoes _____
 Tomatoes _____
 Tomatoes, Plum _____
 Tomatoes, Cherry _____
 Watermelon _____
 Winter Squash _____

Planting Schedule Planner

When do you want to plant? _____
 Notes _____

When will you prepare your soil? _____
 Notes _____

Will you be planting from seeds or starter plants? _____
 Notes _____

When will you buy your seeds? _____
 Notes _____

When will you buy your starter plants? _____
 Notes _____

What structures are you buying or building? _____
 Notes _____

When will you buy your structures or material for building your structures? _____
 Notes _____

When will you install or build your structures? _____
 Notes _____

When will you develop your plant layout? _____
 Notes _____

When will you decide what planting method(s) you want to use? _____
 Notes _____

When will you decide what plants to grow? _____
 Notes _____

Start Smart

- Start small — especially if you are a novice gardener. Keep it simple and fun.
- Decide what plants do you want in your garden by first considering what vegetables and fruits you eat on a regular basis.
- Consider what gardening method(s) most appeal to you — traditional, square foot, container, vertical, other?
- Create a planting layout:
 - o Consider the best area of your yard for direct sunlight and for ease of watering.
 - o Consider how tall your plants will grow as they will provide shade for things planted near them.
- Create a schedule for preparing your soil and planting your garden. Timing is an essential element in gardening:
 - o Consider whether you are starting from seeds or starter plants.
 - o If you are using starter plants, be sure to buy them when while the selection is good. Don't wait too long or you'll only have the leftovers.
 - o Be sure to allow enough time in your schedule to prepare your garden plot, containers, raised beds, or whatever other method you choose.
 - o The easiest way to create your schedule is to start with your desired planting date and work your way backwards. That's how the Planting Schedule Planner at the left is organized.
- Properly prepare your soil. Don't overlook this step in your haste to get plants in the ground or you may never have plants above the ground to harvest.
- Pray for rain.

Ask the LORD for rain in the season of spring rain. The LORD makes the rain clouds, and He will give them showers of rain and crops in the field for everyone. Zechariah 10:1 (HCSB)

These plants and more are included in the Better Homes and Gardens' vegetable list. On their site, you can click on any of the vegetables to learn more about the plant and how to plant and harvest it. Check out their site at www.bhg.com/gardening/plant-dictionary/vegetable/?page=1

Notes about my garden layout:

