

# Adding Plants

## Introduction to Vegetable Gardening – Part 2

### VEGETABLE GUIDE

	<b>Cool Season Crops</b> <i>(Seeds, mid/late-April)</i>	<b>Tender Crops</b> <i>(Seeds, mid/late-May)</i>	<b>Warm Season Crops</b> <i>(Transplants, late-May)</i>
<b>Full Sun</b> <i>(8+ hours per day)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cabbage Family* <i>(broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale)</i></li> <li>– Onions*</li> <li>– Peas*</li> <li>– Roots* <i>(beets, carrots, parsnips, radish)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Beans*</li> <li>– Corn</li> <li>– Cucumbers</li> <li>– Melons</li> <li>– Potato*</li> <li>– Pumpkins</li> <li>– Summer squash</li> <li>– Winter squash</li> <li>– Zucchini</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Eggplant</li> <li>– Herbs <i>(basil, dill, lavender, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme)</i></li> <li>– Peppers <i>(bell, hot, sweet)</i></li> <li>– Tomatoes</li> </ul>
<b>Part Sun</b> <i>(4-6 hours per day)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Herbs <i>(cilantro, mint, parsley)</i></li> <li>– Salad Greens <i>(lettuce, spinach)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Swiss Chard</li> </ul>	

\* These vegetables will tolerate part-sun but will grow faster/better in full sun.

### SEEDS OR TRANSPLANTS

#### Seeds

- Many varieties available
- Can be saved for 2-4 years
- May require more effort to start

#### Transplants

- Varieties limited by location
- Must be purchased each year
- Can be expensive if many plants are needed

### PLANTING GUIDELINES

- Put taller plants in the back to prevent them from shading other vegetables
- Plant vining vegetables on the edges to prevent smothering other crops
- Grow corn and wind-pollinated vegetables in blocks rather than rows
- Position perennial plants (asparagus, rhubarb, berries) to one side

### LEARN MORE WITH THESE RESOURCES

- ❖ **University of MN Extension Program** [www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden](http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden)
- ❖ **Vegetable Gardener's Bible**, book by Edward Smith
- ❖ **Square Foot Gardening**, book by Mel Bartholomew
- ❖ **Year-Round Vegetable Gardener**, book by Niki Jabbour
- ❖ **Bountiful Container**, book by Maggie Stuckey & Rose Marie Nichols McGee

**CLASS NOTES**

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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

Will I start seeds or buy transplants?

Where will I get my plants?

How much space will I need for my plants? Will I need any additional supports?

When will I need to put them in the garden?