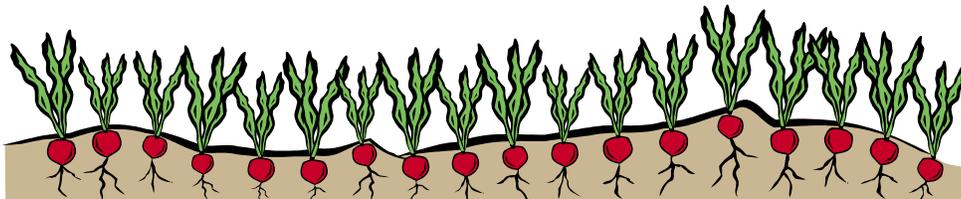
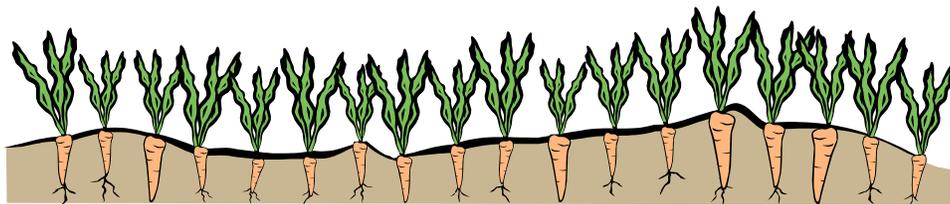


How to Garden

Plan Your Garden

1. Location of your garden—will it get plenty of sunshine? Pick a good site. The best site is one that is near the house, receives full sun all day, contains no large rocks, perennial weeds or grasses, has good air circulation and is sheltered from strong winds.
2. Size—start small and grow what you like to eat. Start
3. Start with good soil and keep improving it. Have soil tested every three years.
4. Plan carefully. Don't plant crops from the same plant family in the same spot two years in succession. Consider the path of the sun—so tall crops don't shade shorter ones. Space plants so outer leaves on mature plants will just touch those of their neighbors.
5. Water—how will you get water to your garden? Water only when necessary, then deeply and early in the day.
6. Visit your garden every day to check for signs of pests and diseases.
7. Maintain good garden sanitation by removing diseased leaves, fruits and vines, and controlling weeds.



Supplies Needed to Plant and Maintain Your Garden

-Tools

- Shovel
- Spading fork
- Garden Rake
- Trowel
- Hoe
- Sprinkling can
- Cultivator
- Garden hose



-Seeds or Seedlings

Follow directions on seed packet for how to plant seeds (depth and spacing needs) and when and where seeds should be planted according to climates.

-Fertilizer

Follow directions on the package

-Water

Tips for Successful Gardening:

- Plant seeds or seedlings when all danger of frost is past (usually after Good Friday)
- Work the soil when it is not too wet
- Plan your garden to avoid over planting and waste
- Space your seeds and seedlings for maximum growth
- Plant seeds not deeper than 2 to 4 times their size
- Hoe only the top first inch of soil for weed control
- Water your garden enough so that the water soaks 4 to 6 inches deep