

Greensgrow Farms Vegetable Garden Planning Workshop

First steps to planning your garden: Sighting your space

Key considerations include sunlight, temperature variations, soil drainage and fertility, previous use of land and future planned use of land. Make a list of vegetables you'd like to grow, match them up with their seasons and the conditions of your growing space.

Vegetable Crop Preferred Conditions				
Family	Sunlight	Season	Soil	Harvest
Brassica (kale, radish, broccoli)	Medium	Spring and Fall	Fertile, medium drainage	Early Summer and late Fall
Lettuce	Low to medium	Spring, Summer, Fall	Adaptable	Spring, Summer, Fall
Solanaceous (peppers, tomatoes, eggplant)	High sunlight!	Summer	Well-drained, nutrient rich	Late Summer
Allium (onions, leeks, garlic)	Medium to High	Spring, Summer Fall	Well-drained	Spring, Summer, Fall

Important for the end of each season: maintain planting and harvest records throughout the year. Note any pest or disease issues along with any observations that may have caused them (changes in weather, soil health, planting space, etc). Plan to rotate your crops for the following season and develop an off-season soil maintenance plan using cover crops, compost, or straw so your soil is ready next year.