

WAGNERS CARE CARD

VEGETABLE GARDEN



BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Water & Fertilizer Add a veggie specific fertilizer during the growing season or use a well balanced 10-10-10 (1 lb per 10 sq ft) mid season when plants are established. Water your garden every day in hot weather. Mulch around plants when soil warms up to prevent water from splashing on the foliage and causing blights and fungal disease. Planting marigolds around the edges will help control aphids, discourage bunnies and will make it look better.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

Location & Size Pick a sunny spot in your yard. At least 6 hours of sun. Make a garden only as big as you can tend. 10 x 10 ft is a good starter garden.

Build Your Garden Add as much organic matter as possible. Add a 2" layer of compost and manure and spade your soil 12-18" deep. Break any clumps. Level with rake. Decide what veggies to grow. Consider flavor, fruit size, yields and time to producing fruit (MN summer is short).

Separate your garden into beds for the different veggies — consider plant size, spacing, growing habit (support). A chicken wire fence around the garden may be helpful if there is a bunny problem.



TIPS & TRICKS

Timing Start your seeds indoors March-April depending on package instructions or purchase ready to plant in your local garden center. Cool crops like lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli can be started in mid April weather permitting. All frost sensitive crops cannot be planted outside until after Mother's day (or Mid May).



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