

Garden Planning Checklist



- Planning - Start planning your garden in January.
- Choose your location - Pick out a garden spot.
- Soil Testing - Have the soil in the garden tested to see what nutrients may need to be added.
- Vegetables - Decide on what types of vegetables you want to plant and how much of each vegetable.
- Purchase seeds - Certified organic seeds are always best!
- Start seeds indoors so plants can be transplanted to the garden at appropriate times. Please refer to recommended planting schedule for Zone 7 Climate (Northeast US) on reverse side for details.
- Till the garden - Till the garden when the soil is not frozen or too wet. Till in compost, fertilizer and lime if needed according to results of soil testing.
- Mark off the rows. Use string tied to small stakes placed at the ends of each row as a guide to keep the rows straight.
- Schools with larger gardens may want to place garden mulch plastic down on rows for certain plants such as squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and eggplants - this will help to control weeds.
- Garden Watering - Identify the water source so that you will need to be able to water your garden.



Zone 7 Planting Schedule

Start Seeds Indoors			Plant Seed/ Transplant								Harvest
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
			Beans								
		Beets/ Radishes						Beets/ Radishes			
	Broccoli/ Peas						Broccoli/ Peas				
		Cabbage					Cabbage				
		Carrots					Carrots				
	Cauliflower						Cauliflower				
			Corn								
			Cucumber								
		Kale/ Spinach					Kale/ Spinach				
		Lettuce					Lettuce				
		Onions									
		Peppers									
		Tomatoes									

