



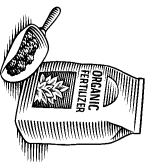
TEN TIPS FOR

ORGANIC GARDENING

1 Mulch bare soil.

- ◆ Retain moisture, prevent weeds from sprouting, and keep soil loose. Good mulch choices include:

- ☐ Native Cedar
- ☐ Hardwood
- ☐ Pecan
- ☐ Pine Bark



2 Use organic fertilizers.

- ◆ Release nutrients into the soil by using natural ingredients that won't burn plants and will stimulate beneficial microorganisms. Try these:

- ☐ Lady Bug All Purpose Fertilizer
- ☐ Nature's Guide Turf Fertilizers
- ☐ Composted Cow or Poultry Manure
- ☐ John's Recipe
- ☐ Liquid Fish and Seaweed
- ☐ Specialty Plant Foods

3 Water wisely.

- ◆ Grass should be watered in the morning, to a depth of one inch every five days. For more efficient watering, use:

- ☐ Soaker Hoses
- ☐ Hand Watering
- ☐ Rain Barrels



4 Aerate lawns.

- ◆ For a healthier lawn, aerate regularly using:

- ☐ Earthworms
- ☐ Spiked Aerator Shoes
- ☐ Mechanical Aerator

5 Control weeds naturally.

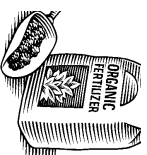
- ◆ Weeds are unsightly and use up essential nutrients and water. Stop them with these natural weed controls:

- ☐ Corn Gluten Meal
- ☐ Horticultural Vinegar
- ☐ Whitney Farms Lawn Weed Killer

6 Select adapted plants.

- ◆ Choose plants and grasses that are adapted to the areas and seasons where they're planted. Recommended grasses for North Central Texas include:

- ☐ Bermuda Grass
- ☐ Buffalo Grass
- ☐ Fescue Grass
- ☐ Ryegrass
- ☐ St. Augustine



Find info on Texas native plants here:

- ☐ TP&W Plant Database
- ☐ Easy Gardens for N.C. Texas Book
- ☐ Lucy's Picks CD
- ☐ TexasSuperstar.com

7 Apply high-quality organic compost.

Decomposed organic material is essential for conditioning the soil by adding nutrients and improving moisture and nutrient retention. Try these compost products:

- ☐ Lady Bug Organic Composts
- ☐ Hu-More Organic Fertilizer & Soil Amendment
- ☐ Nature's Guide Organic Composts
- ☐ Living Earth Organic Compost
- ☐ Compost Bins
- ☐ Compost Starter

8 Control insects naturally.

- ◆ Chemical pesticides can be harmful to pets and the environment. Use these natural insect controls to keep bad bugs at bay without using toxic pesticides:

- ☐ Beneficial Insects
- ☐ Neem Oil
- ☐ Diatomaceous Earth
- ☐ Pyrethrin
- ☐ Bacillus Thuringiensis (Bt)
- ☐ Orange Oil
- ☐ Spinosad
- ☐ Nolo Bar



9 Promote wildlife.

- ◆ Organic lawn and garden methods invite wildlife that feed on pesky insects. Attract wildlife with:

- ☐ Wild Bird Seed
- ☐ Native Plants
- ☐ Bird Houses
- ☐ Bat Houses
- ☐ Purple Martin Houses

10 Be informed.

- ◆ Try these sources for more information on organic gardening:

- ☐ Rodale's Ultimate Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening
- ☐ Texas Bug Book
- ☐ HomegrownTexas.com
- ☐ All New Sq. Ft Gardening Book
- ☐ Organic Gardening Magazine
- ☐ NaturalGardenerAustin.com
- ☐ MarshallGrain.com
- ☐ Natures-Guide.com



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Vegetable Garden Planting Guide

VEGETABLE	SEED/PLANTS PER 100 FT.	PLANTING DEPTH (INCHES)	DISTANCE BETWEEN ROWS (INCHES)	DISTANCE BETWEEN PLANTS (IN.)	AVG. CROP HT. (FEET)	SPRING PLANTING DATES	FALL PLANTING DATES	DAYS TO MATURITY	AVG. HARVEST SEASON (DAYS)	AVG. CROP (PER 100 FT)
Asparagus	66 pl., 1 oz.	6-8, 1-1 1/2	36-48	18	5	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Not Recommended	730	60	30 lbs.
Beans, Snap Bush	1/2 lb.	1-1 1/2	24-36	3-4	1 1/2	Mar. 17-Apr. 14	Aug. 1-Sept. 15	45-60	14	120 lbs.
Beans, Snap Pole	1/2 lb.	1-1 1/2	36-48	4-6	6	Mar. 17-Apr. 14	July 28-Aug. 11	60-70	30	150 lbs.
Beans, Lima Bush	1/2 lb.	1-1 1/2	30-36	3-4	1 1/2	Mar. 17-Apr. 14	Aug. 15-Sept. 15	65-80	14	25 lbs. shelled
Beans, Lima Pole	1/4 lb.	1-1 1/2	36-48	12-18	6	Mar. 17-Apr. 14	July 28-Aug.11	75-85	40	50 lbs. shelled
Beets	1 oz.	1	14-24	2	1 1/2	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Sept. 1-Oct.1	50-60	30	150 lbs.
Broccoli	1/4 oz.	1/2	24-36	14-24	3	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Aug. 15-Sept. 30	60-80	40	100 lbs.
Brussel Sprouts	1/4 oz.	1/2	24-36	14-24	2	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Aug. 15-Sept. 30	90-100	21	75 lbs.
Cabbage	1/4 oz.	1/2	24-36	14-24	1 1/2	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Aug. 15-Sept. 30	60-90	40	150 lbs.
Cantaloupe	1/2 oz.	1	60-96	24-36	1	Mar. 17-Apr. 28	July 28-Aug. 11	85-100	30	100 fruits
Carrot	1/2 oz.	1/2	14-24	2	1	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	70-80	21	100 lbs.
Cauliflower	1/4 oz.	1/2	24-36	14-24	3	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Aug. 15-Sept. 20	70-90	14	100 lbs.
Chard, Swiss	2 oz.	1	18-30	6	1 1/2	Feb. 3-Mar. 3	Aug. 15-Sept. 15	45-55	40	75 lbs.
Collard (Kale)	1/4 oz.	1/2	18-36	8-16	2	Feb. 3-Mar. 3	Aug. 25-Sept. 22	50-80	60	100 lbs.
Corn, Sweet	3-4 oz.	1-2	24-36	12-18	6	Mar. 17-Apr. 28	Aug. 1-Aug. 15	70-90	10	10 dz.
Cucumber	1/2 oz.	1/2	48-72	24-48	1	Mar. 17-Apr. 28	Aug. 25-Sept. 8	50-70	30	120 lbs.
Garlic	1 lb.	1-2	14-24	2-4	1	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	Oct. 1-Oct. 31	140-150	-	40 lbs.
Kohlrabi	1/4 oz.	1/2	14-24	4-6	1 1/2	Feb. 3-Mar. 3	Aug. 15-Sept. 20	55-75	14	75 lbs.
Lettuce	1/4 oz.	1/2	14-24	2-3	1	Feb. 3-Mar. 31	Sept. 1-Oct. 15	40-80	21	50 lbs.
Mustard	1/4 oz.	1/2	14-24	6-12	1 1/2	Mar. 17-Apr. 28	Aug. 15-Sept. 30	30-40	30	100 lbs.
Okra	2 oz.	1	36-42	24	6	Mar. 31-Apr. 28	July 28-Aug. 25	55-65	90	100 lbs.
Onion (Plants)	400-600 pl.	1-2	14-24	2-3	1 1/2	Jan. 6-Mar. 6	Aug. 15-Sept. 15	80-120	40	100 lbs.
Onion (Seeds)	1 oz.	1/2	14-24	2-3	1 1/2	Jan. 20-Feb. 3	Sept. 8-Sept. 22	90-120	40	100 lbs.
Parsley	1/4 oz.	1/8	14-24	2-4	1/2	Feb. 3-Mar. 17	Aug. 15-Oct. 6	70-90	90	30 lbs.
Peas, English	1 lb.	2-3	18-36	1	2	Jan. 20-Mar. 3	Sept. 15-Nov. 3	55-90	7	20 lbs.
Peas, Cow	1/2 lb.	2-3	24-36	4-6	2 1/2	March 31-Apr. 28	Aug. 15-Sept. 1	60-70	30	40 lbs.
Pepper	1/8 oz.	1/2	24-36	18-24	3	Mar. 24-May 12	July 28-Aug. 25	60-90	90	60 lbs.
Potato, Irish	6-10 lbs.	4	30-36	10-15	2	Feb. 3-Feb. 17	July 28-Aug. 11	75-100	-	100 lbs.
Potato, Sweet	75-100 pl.	3-5	36-48	12-16	1	Mar. 31-May 12	Not Recommended	100-130	-	100 lbs.
Pumpkin	1/2 oz.	1-2	60-96	36-48	1	Mar. 24-Apr. 14	Aug. 11-Aug. 25	75-100	-	100 lbs.
Radish	1 oz.	1/2	14-24	1	1/2	Feb. 3-Apr. 14	Sept. 22-Nov. 17	25-40	7	100 bunches
Spinach	1 oz.	1/2	14-24	3-4	1	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	Sept. 15-Nov. 3	40-60	40	3 bu
Squash	1 oz.	1-2	36-60	18-36	3	Mar. 24-Apr. 14	Aug. 4-Aug. 25	50-60	40	150 lbs.
Tomato	50 pl., 1/8 oz.	4-6, 1/2	24-48	18-36	3	Mar. 17-May 12	Aug. 11-Aug. 25	70-90	40	100 lbs.
Turnip	1/2 oz.	1/2	14-24	2-3	1 1/2	Feb. 3-Mar. 3	Aug. 25-Nov. 3	30-60	30	50-100 lbs.
Watermelon	1 oz.	1-2	72-96	36-72	1	Mar. 17-Apr. 28	July 28-Aug. 11	80-100	30	40 fruits

- Average Last Freeze: March 16
- Average First Freeze: November 21

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