



Good Morning!

WE ARE
EXPECTING A FULL
HOUSE TODAY

Please bunch up!

KNOW BEFORE

YOU GROW: **VEGGIE**
GARDENING 101

with Jen in Greenhouse

Sky
NURSERY



HI!
I'M BERT



**THERE IS NO
SUCH THING
AS A PERFECT
GARDEN**

Before you Begin:

1. Why do you want to start a garden?
2. What should you grow?
3. When should I start?
4. Where does your garden grow?
5. Who is doing the work?





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WHY

**do you want to
start a garden?**



For Food Storage

For Seasonal Eating

Learning opportunity

**You have an empty space
& don't know what to do with it
(sounds like fun, so why not?)**

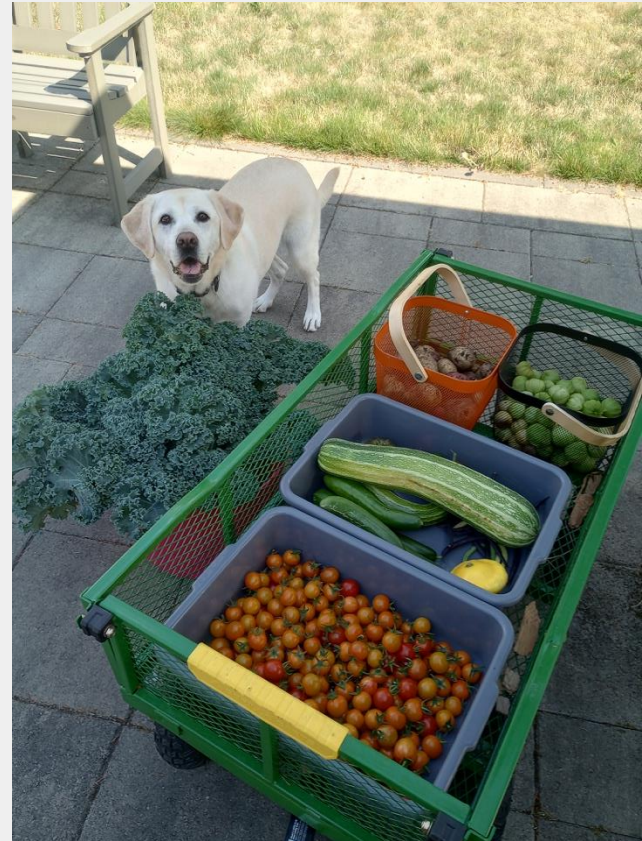


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WHAT

should you grow
in your garden?

What do you like to eat?



What do you like to eat?



Please do not grow something just because it is listed as “easy” or a “great plant for beginners.”

If you don't eat zucchini now, you will not eat zucchini later.

Vegetables are not Pokémon, you do not have to grow them all.

What do you want to try?



I am now a fava bean pusher

Nasturtiums and other edible flowers are fun additions and good for pollinators.

Try the weird cucumber...
if you like cucumbers.

A close-up photograph of a young green plant with several leaves. Some of the leaves have small, dark, irregular spots, possibly indicating a pest or disease. The plant is growing in dark, rich soil. In the top right corner, there is a green square containing the white number '3'.

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WHEN

should I start?



When should I start?

Seed Starting

vs.

Direct Seeding

vs.

Starts

SEED STARTING

Starting seeds in a container to grow your own starts. Usually inside or in a protected space.



DIRECT SOWING

Planting seeds directly in the ground.



STARTS

Buying plants grown by a nursery/grower, & planting them directly in the ground.



SEED STARTING

- Lots of planning time, care, attention,
- Special equipment
- Space indoors



DIRECT SOWING

- Less planning
- Less time
- Less care
- No equipment



STARTS

- Minimal planning
- No pre-planting time
- Least care needs
- No equipment





TERRITORIAL SEED COMPANY Spring Gardening Chart



Vegetable	January	February	March	April	May	June	Soil Temp. (In/Garden)	Seed Depth	Thin Plants/Plant Spacing	Row Spacing	Harvest
Artichoke							65-75°F	1/4"	3-5"	4-6"	June-July (2 nd year)
Asparagus							50-70°F	1/4-1/2"	6-12"	16-18"	April-June
Asparagus Seed							65-80°F	1/4"	10-15"	3-6"	April
Asparagus Crowns							8-9"	10-15"	3-6"		April (2 nd year)
Beans							60-85°F	1"	8-18"	18-36"	June-August
Beans, Fava							45-65°F	1-2"	3-6"	12-30"	June-August
Beets							50-75°F	1/2"	3-4"	12-16"	June onward
Broccoli							55-75°F	1/2"	12-24"	18-36"	June onward
Brussels Sprouts							55-75°F	1/2"	24"	18-36"	Sept.-February
Cabbage							55-75°F	1/2"	18-24"	2-4"	June-August
Carrots							45-85°F	1/2"	1-3"	9-16"	June onward
Cauliflower							55-75°F	1/2"	12-24"	18-36"	June-August
Celery/Celeryiac							55-70°F	1/2"	12"	18-24"	August onward
Chinese Cabbage							45-75°F	1/2"	12-18"	18-36"	June-July
Collards							55-75°F	1/2"	12-24"	18-36"	June onward
Corn							65-85°F	1-2"	8-12"	24-30"	August-Sept.
Cucumbers							65-90°F	1/2"	1-2/8"	3-4"	July-September
Eggplant							75-90°F	1/2"	12-18"	2-3"	August-Sept.
Eggbe							50-70°F	1/4-1/2"	6-12"	16-18"	May-July
Fennel							50-70°F	1/4-1/2"	6-12"	16-18"	May-July
Kale							55-75°F	1/2"	12-24"	18-36"	June onward
Kohlrabi							55-75°F	1/2"	3-8"	12-18"	June onward
Leeks							50-85°F	1/4-1/2"	4-5"	12-18"	July onward
Lettuce							40-80°F	1/2"	10-16"	16-18"	May onward
Melons							70-85°F	1/2"	3-4"	5-6"	August-Sept.
Mustard							40-75°F	1/2"	6-18"	9-18"	May onward
Okra							70-90°F	1/2"	12-18"	36"	July-September
Onions, Bulb							50-75°F	1/4-1/2"	2-7"	12-24"	August-Sept.
Pac Choi							45-75°F	1/2"	12-18"	18-36"	June-July
Parsnips							55-75°F	1/2"	3-4"	12-18"	Sept.-December
Peas							45-75°F	1-1 1/2"	N/A	18-24"	May-July
Peppers							70-90°F	1/2"	12-18"	24-30"	July-September
Potatoes								8-9"	24"	24-36"	May-July
Pumpkins/Gourds							65-85°F	1"	3-4"	4-6"	Sept.-October
Radishes							45-80°F	1/2"	1-2"	8-12"	May-July
Rutabagas							50-75°F	1/4-1/2"	6-8"	12-16"	Sept. onward
Shallot Seed							50-85°F	1/2"	2-4"	12-24"	August-Sept.
Splach							45-75°F	1/2"	3-6"	12"	April-July
Squash, Summer							65-85°F	1-1 1/2"	1-2/8"	3-6"	July-September
Squash, Winter							65-85°F	1-1 1/2"	1-2/8"	3-6"	August-Frost
Sweet Potatoes							65°F		16-18"	12-24"	August-Frost
Swiss Chard							50-75°F	1/2"	10-16"	18-24"	May onward
Tomatoes							70-90°F	1/2"	18-36"	3-8"	July-September
Turrips							50-75°F	1/4-1/2"	6-8"	12-16"	May-July
Wassermelons							70-85°F	1/2"	3-4"	5-6"	August-Sept.

Green = Direct sow based on our area of Cottage Grove, OR. Orange = Sow indoors. Black = Transplant (date derived from a last frost date of approximately May 12th). Blue = Cover at transplant.

When do you plant?

1. When is your last frost date?
2. What does it mean to protect plants from frost?

List of Average Last Frost Dates for Locations in Washington

Location

Average Last Frost Dates

SeaTac

March 11 - 20

Seattle

March 21 - 31

Shoreline

March 21 - 31

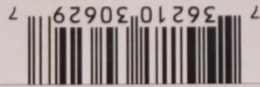
Silver Firs

April 11 - 20

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Artichoke		■		■			65–75 °F	¼"	3–5'	4–6'	June–July (2 nd year)
Arugula			■	■			50–70 °F	¼–½"	6–12"	16–18"	April–June
Asparagus Seed		■	■		■		65–80 °F	¼"	10–15"	3–6'	April
Asparagus Crowns			■	■				4–6"	10–15"	3–6'	April (3 rd year)

PEEL BACK FLAPS
MORE INFO INSIDE



We are dedicated to inspiring and educating the gardener in you. That's why we've put even more helpful information inside.

CUCUMBER

Tasty Green



Seedling

Days to Emerge:

5 - 10 Days

Seed Depth:

1/2"

Seed Spacing:

A group of 2 seeds every 12"

Row Spacing:

36"

Thinning:

When 3 leaves, thin to 1 plant every 12"

Maturity:

60 Days

Date Seed Sown

Tender, thin skin, burpless, and non-bitter—what else could you want in a cucumber? Japanese cucumbers are known for their slender, long shape, with thin, sweet skin, and very few, tiny seeds. Highly productive plant, grow on a trellis to save space while growing straighter fruit (see inside packet). 'Tasty Green' is mildew resistant, too! Sure to become your new favorite. *This packet sows up to 6 feet of trellised cucumbers.*

When to sow outside: RECOMMENDED.

1 to 2 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is at least 60°F, ideally 70°-90°F.

When to start inside: 2 to 4 weeks before your average last frost date.

Cucumbers are sensitive to root disturbance; sow in biodegradable pots.

cut out for
plant tag

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WHERE

is this garden going?

Where does your garden grow?



CONTAINERS



FRONT YARD



SOMEWHERE ELSE

Where does your garden grow?

How close is your garden to your home?

Proximity means you can check in more often.

Look into irrigation if you are not close.

Where is the water source?

Do you have a hose?

Watering cans will not be your friend.

What is your light availability?

8 hours minimum in summer.

Does not need to be continuous.

A young green plant with small black spots on its leaves growing in dark soil.

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WHO

is steering this ship?

EVERY

GARDEN(ER)

IS DIFFERENT

Who is doing the work?

Do you have vacations planned?

What is your “gardener profile?”

ERIKAS

Never met a spreadsheet you didn't like.

You like making plans and sticking to them. You make lists and have multiple calendars with specific purposes.

JENS

A planner w/ moments of chaos.

You like making plans but also like throwing them out the window.

MARLAS

In it for the aesthetic... & the heirloom tomatoes.

Plans maybe aren't your strong suit, but enthusiasm is!

BRENS

Running on vibes & caffeine.

Veggie gardening sounds like fun but if it doesn't work out, you won't be crushed.

ERIKAS

Never met a spreadsheet you didn't like.

Manage expectations, even with plans things can go awry.

Look for garden planning software to keep everything in line.

Plan for abundance.

JENS

A planner w/ moments of chaos.

Make a plan, but also get the strange vegetable you've never heard of.

Would not recommend more than 4 beds to start.

MARLAS

In it for the aesthetic... & the heirloom tomatoes.

Find veggies that you are and will be excited about.

BRENS

Running on vibes & caffeine.

Start slow and be prepared to replace plants if needed.

Look into watering tools like oyas.

Have fun!

Soil (not dirt):

Use raised bed mix for raised beds

Potting soil for pots

**Mix compost into your soil if you are
planting in ground**

Fertilizer

Get one for vegetables

Dry fertilizer when you plant

- In the hole for starts
- Mix into soil for seeds

Dry or liquid a couple times

throughout the growing season

- For a month or month and a half



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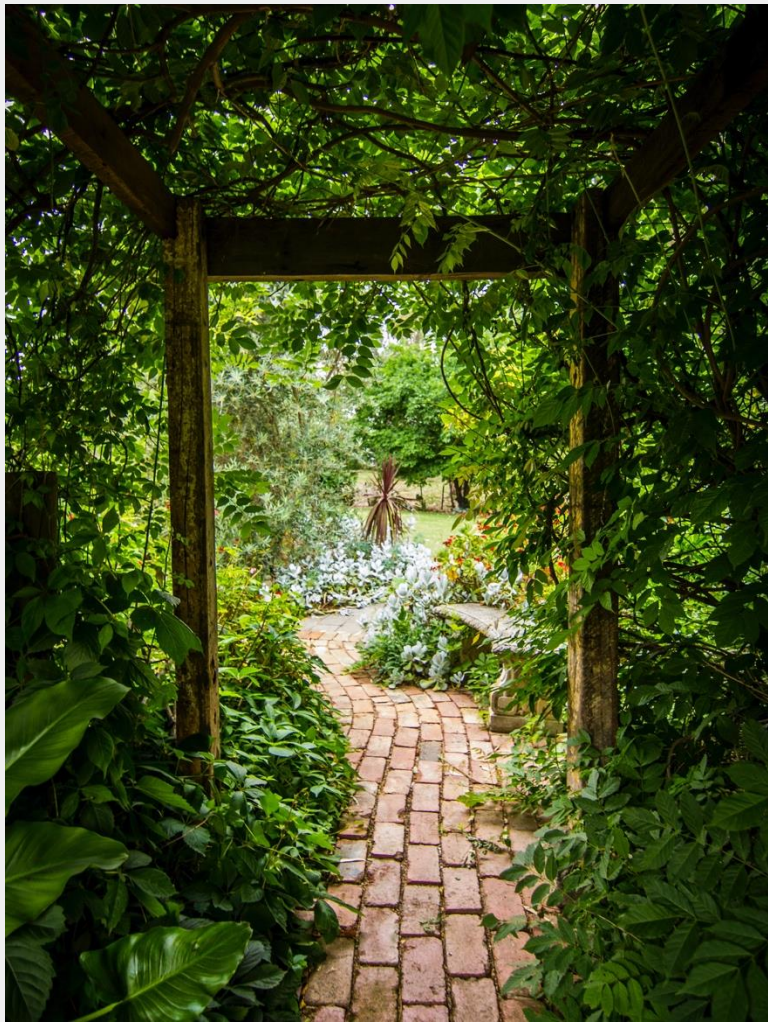
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Food

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NATURALS
Bone Meal

Stacks of **Sure Start** bags on the bottom shelf.



CHAOS
ISN'T
FAILURE



THE BEST THING
FOR THE
GARDEN...

IS THE GARDENER



INFO LIBRARY

GENERAL GARDENING

Bagged Material Price List
Bulk Material Price List
Container Design Tips
Cover Crops
It's Going to Freeze/ Thaw
Lawn Care
Noxious Weed List (WA State)
Planting Instructions (Basic)
Pruning Videos (Plant Amnesty)
Raised Bed & Tarter Pricelist
Soil, Amendments & Mulches
Waterwise Gardening

VEGETABLES & HERBS

Cover Crops
Garlic - Fall 2023
Neonics & Our Growers
Peppers: 2023 List
Perennial Vegetables
Potatoes: Growing
Potatoes: 2024 List
Seed Starting Indoors
Tomatoes: Care
Tomatoes: 2023 List
Vegetable Gardening:
Getting Started
Vegetable Gardening:
Fall & Winter

FRUIT TREES & BERRIES

Blackberries 2024
Blueberries 2024
Edible Ornamentals
Fruit Tree List 2024
Fruit Tree Care
Gooseberries & Currants 2024
Grapes 2024
Hops for Brewing
Kiwis 2024
Pollination Chart: Apples
Pollination Chart: Cherries
Pollination Chart: Hazelnut
Pollination Chart: Pears

INDOOR GARDENING

Air Purifiers: Indoor
Aroid & Moss Pole Basics
Begonias: Indoor
Bonsai: Indoor
Carnivorous Plants
Citrus Care & Varieties
Common Houseplant Pests
Ficus Care
Gardenias
Poinsettia Care
Terrariums
Tillandsia
Christmas Cactus Care

MORE RESOURCES

- **Books**
- **YouTubers**
- **Garden Clubs**
- **Local Nursery Staff**
- **Come to VEGGIES 102!**

QUESTIONS?



**SLIDE
DECK**



**EMAIL
ALERTS**

Sky
NURSERY

The logo for Sky Nursery is centered on a solid green background. It features the word "Sky" in a large, white, serif font. Below "Sky", the word "NURSERY" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font. To the right of the text, there is a stylized green leaf graphic with three leaves pointing upwards and to the right.