



Planning your summer vegetable garden

Having a summer vegetable garden can be fun and rewarding! Being able to walk outside and pick fresh, home-grown, organic fruits and vegetables is a treat you can enjoy all summer long. Although it is tempting to get outside and start planting, **it is important to wait until we are past the chance of frost before planting summer vegetables outdoors.** The final frost date for Sonora is May 10th, and later at higher elevations. In the meantime, you can start prepping your garden beds with [good organic soil](#) and planning. Start by thinking about what you would like to grow and what you have the space for...

- **VERY LITTLE SPACE (6 inches or less):** onions, carrots, radishes, beets, leeks (*some of these can be planted from seed directly into your garden*)
- **LITTLE SPACE (2 feet or less):** eggplant, peppers, lettuce, celery, kale, swiss chard, basil, cilantro, Tatsoi, Chijimisai, parsley, dill, stevia
- **MODERATE SPACE (2-4 feet):** tomatoes, tomatillos, zucchini, summer squash
- **A LOT OF SPACE (3+ feet):** melons, cucumbers, winter squash, beans, pumpkins (*many of these are trailing so they mainly need space to crawl*)