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## VEGETABLE GROWING GUIDE

### COLD VS WARM SEASON VEGETABLES-

Some vegetables are considered warm weather crops, while others are in the cool weather category.

#### **The following are cool weather plants:**

Lettuce- plant 4-6" apart, in rows 18"-24" apart. Cutting promotes growth. Cut with scissors, wash and place in plastic bag in refrigerator.

Celery- plant 6" apart, in rows 24-28" apart. Needs lots of moisture. Hill soil up alongside the plant as it grows. Greens may be eaten.

Broccoli- 18" apart in rows 36" apart. Cut just before buds of head begin to open. This will help to initiate side shoot growth.

Brussel Sprouts-18" apart in rows 36" apart. Cut to improve production. Tiny cabbages form on side of stem. Cut from the bottom up.

Cauliflower-12-18" apart in rows 24-36" apart. Use as head fills out or quality will diminish.

Cabbage-12-18" apart in rows 24-36" apart. Pick off cabbage worms.

All of the above are heavy feeders. All need moist, well-drained, fertile soil. a good way to provide this is to put down Mushroom Compost during your soil preparation. Plants may also be mulched with Mushroom Compost, Straw, Newspapers Etc. This mulch retains moisture around the roots and keeps the weeds down. Cultivation around the plants allows for aeration for the soil. Cultivate carefully as roots are near the surface. Do not plant cabbage family plants(Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower and Cabbage) in the same location every year.

All of the above may be planted early-as soon as the ground can be worked. Cover at night if a frost is predicted.

#### **The following are warm weather crops:**

Peppers-plant 16" apart in rows 24" apart. Never let plants wilt. Cool nights make blossoms drop.

Cucumbers, Cantaloupes, Pumpkin, Squash, and Watermelons-are planted in hills, 2-3 plants per hill in rows anywhere from 3'-5' apart. Fill bottom of hill with mushroom compost.

Tomatoes-plant 1 per hill. Plant after the danger of frost is past. Tomatoes can be caged or staked. With plant tie or soft cloth, tie tight around the stake and loose around the plant's stem.

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