

STARTING A GARDEN

LOCATION Good Sun- thin trees Good Soil- check grass growth, dig

TYPES 1. RAISED BEDS-- Advantages, can plant this year, in poor soil, hotter
Disadvantages, more time/sq ft, no tilling, more water

2. CONVENTIONAL--Advantages, large area, easier, tilling and watering
Disadvantages, need good soil, need to destroy the sod
KILLING GRASS -takes 1 year for sod breakdown
1. Roundup, 2. Black Plastic, 3. Tilling, 4. By hand
Perimeter underground barriers,

WHAT TO PLANT-What do you like to eat?,

WHAT VARIETYS- Experiment, get seed catalogs KEEP A GARDEN JOURNAL

WHERE PLANTS GO IN THE GARDEN

Sunlight-Tall to the North

Watering-Shorter in center

Time of harvesting- Grouping early and late harvesting plants

Group- Perennials, Kale, Brussels Sprouts.

WHEN---Timing 2.5 months + Fall planting-Garlic and Spinach

ARRANGEMENTS OF BEDS In-Bed mini-row system. Rows cross same as spacing distance.
SEEDING DEPTH, 4 X seed diameter, tamp, cover with mulch

GROWING SEASON

WEEDING- Get small weeds early, THINNING- several times, leave individual plants.

WATERING- In hot weather, water deeply, 1 inch weekly, measure, flood corn

HARVESTING Harvest early, every day for best quality (peas, asparagus)

Storage-old refrigerator, Freezing, blanch, freeze in layers, pickle.

HARVEST EARLY AND CLEAR FOR FALL SOIL PREP. By Oct. 1

First, Dispose of all plant debris.

Second, Till

Third, Spread grass Clippings

Fourth, Till in., water if necessary

BENEFITS -- Available source of organic matter and nitrogen

--Keeps soil loose--hardens in normal garden

--Rots in place

MAKING GRASS CLIPPING HAY--Get bagging attachment, neighbors

Don't pile fresh, spread--driveway, other. Turn, Sun dry. Then pile