Vegetable Growing Requirements

All common vegetable plants need the following in order to grow well.

- **Light**
  - Full sun (8 – 10 hours of direct sun minimum per day)
  - Exception, see "Shade Tolerant Edible Plants"
- **Fertile soil**
  - High levels of organic matter
  - Add compost every year
- **Water**
  - Water 2-3 times per week (including rain)
- **Good drainage**
- **Space to Grow**
  - See recommended plant spacing in Vegetable Planting Info
- **Minimum competition with weeds**
- **Surrounded by diversity**
  - Plant native perennials to attract beneficial insects
- **Protection from animal pests like deer, groundhogs, and rabbits**
  - See "Animal Resistant Vegetables"