

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”