



SET THE TABLE FROM YOUR GARDEN

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Keeping Bambi Out: Easy on the Eye Fencing Solutions



A tall fence is the best deterrent

If you garden in an area where deer are frequent uninvited visitors, a good fence barrier is invaluable and it's really the only thing that works to protect our garden plantings and fruit trees. We have 2 different deer proof fencing solutions using galvanized wire in addition to wood boards. Both are unobtrusive to the eye, practically invisible from a distance and effective in eliminating deer browsing. Deer don't attempt to leap over the fence because they cannot judge the height of the wire and will not risk hurting themselves. [Read the article](#)

No plant is entirely deer-proof, however those with pungent scent, fuzzy or woody leaves and/or bad taste are less attractive to deer than others. We've made a list of our [deer resistant varieties](#), but check with your garden center or extension agent for local deer taste preferences.



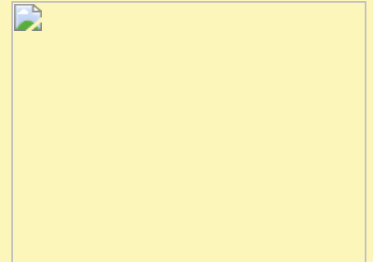
You have to look close to see the wire on this fence

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Bird netting protects seedlings



Building good soil

What to Plant in May



Planting pole [beans](#) and bush beans at the same time is a good strategy, as the bush beans will fruit, then finish bearing just as the pole beans come on.

At long last, spring weather is securely in place. The soil has drained and warmed and trees are stretching and quickly greening up. Many of us think that May is somehow already too late or behind schedule for the best planting possibilities. Not to worry! When temperatures are consistently in the 50s at night and daytime weather is warm and settled, it's the perfect time for sowing seeds right into the garden.

Large-seeded summer vegetables like [corn](#), [beans](#), [squash](#), [cucumbers](#) and [gourds](#) are best sown directly in the garden because they have tender tap roots. Transplanting purchased or indoor grown seedlings for these plants inevitably shocks and sets them back. If you sow them directly from seed they will grow like little dynamos and easily surpass any transplants.

View "[When to Plant](#)" - a reference chart of planting time for all of our seed varieties.



Whether you choose zucchini, scallop squash or crooknecks, warm daytime weather means it's time to plant [squash](#) seeds.

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