

FUNCTIONAL TOOLBOX: GARDEN SEED PACKETS



Sample Planting Instructions

Beets (Detroit Dark Red): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Sow seeds $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, 1 inch apart. Cover seeds with $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches of soil. Start planting 30 days before your last spring frost. Beet roots will be ready to harvest in 45-65 days.

Broccoli (Waltham 29): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost. Plant 18 inches apart. Water if less than 1 inch of rain per week.

Eggplant (Black Beauty): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start inside 2 months before the last frost. Plant 18-24 inches apart. Most eggplants grow to 4-5 inches.

Lettuce (Buttercrunch): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start inside 6-8 weeks before last frost. Plant 14-16 inches apart, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch deep.

Peas (Lincoln): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Sow seeds in the early spring, 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep and 2 inches apart. Train onto stakes or supports when the plant is 6 inches tall.

Red Pepper (California Wonder): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start inside 8-10 weeks before the last frost. Plant 12-15 inches apart. Support with 2-foot high cage or stakes. Provide deep weekly watering.

Spinach (Bloomsdale): *Full sun to light shade, well-drained soil.* Start inside 6-8 weeks before last frost. Plant $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, 12 seed per foot. When seeds are 1 inch tall, thin to stand 4 inches apart. Water every few days.

Squash (Yellow Crookneck): *Full sun to light shade, well-drained soil.* Plant seeds in garden, 1 inch deep and 2-4 seeds per foot. Provide 1 inch of water per week.

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String Bean (Bluelake Bush): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Plant seeds 2-4 inches apart and 1 to 1 ½ inches deep. Set up trellises to support growth. Water if less than 1 inch of rain weekly.

Tomato (Beefsteak): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start seeds inside 6-7 weeks before the average last frost date. Dig holes 18-24 inches apart if you plan to stake or use a trellis. Water generously all season.

Tomato (Red Cherry): *Full sun, well-drained soil.* Start inside 6-8 weeks before the last frost. Plant 24 inches apart. Water regularly but keep moisture off of leaves.

Zucchini (Black Beauty): *Full sun to light shade, well-drained soil.* Plant seeds in garden, 1 inch deep and 2-4 seeds per foot. Provide 1 inch of water per week.