



New Growing Season Planning Checklist

- Garden Condition: repair or replace?
- Soil: check for...
 - Compaction
 - Organic material
 - Compost
 - Nutrients
 - Drainage
 - Pests
- Tools: do we have everything needed?
 - Gloves
 - Kneeling board
 - Shovel/Trowel
 - Pruner/Knife
 - Rake or fork
 - Cages, hoops and trellis
 - Stakes & Ties
 - Fertilizer or other soil enhancers
- Plan: what are we going to grow and where?
 - Companion plants
 - Plants to keep apart
 - Square Foot vs. Overplant
- Seeds: what do you want to plant and where to buy them
 - Growth cycle – appropriate for your climate
 - Grow what you like to eat
 - Try something new
- Pest management
- Organic? Are you ready to go the organic route or is “natural” a level you are comfortable with?
- Extras:
 - Water delivery – can, hose/sprayer or other
 - Compost bin – how sustainable can you be?
 - Fertilizer tea
 - Sustainable pest control
 - Décor – dress up the garden or stick to the basics?
 - Newsletters, blogs or other information sources – who do you trust for information on improving your skills?
 - Ask the Experts – who do you go to, to solve a problem or issue?
- Indoor start – get those seedlings ready!!!