

Early Spring Vegetable Gardening

Spring Home Gardeners School

Benefits of a spring garden

Gardening enthusiasm is high!
Fewer weeds/insects/diseases
Nice weather: Not too hot
More sunlight than when leaf canopy is out
Less watering

The importance of good soil

Site selection: Soil
Soil Test?
Soil Basics

What are you planting and where?

Site selection: Exposure
Vegetable variety and seed selection
Container selection

Vegetables you can plant today (outdoors from seed) and eat within 8 weeks*

Arugula, Asian Greens, Cilantro, Collards, Kale, Lettuces, Mustard Greens, PEAS, Radishes, Spinach, Swiss Chard

Planting calendars: (key words to search: Zone 7 Spring Planting Guide)

www.burpee.com search Growing Calendar

Looking ahead: Intercropping, succession cropping, season extenders

Covers crops (benefits and the larger picture)

<http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/factsheets/ecogardening/impsoilcov.html>

A few favorites:

All New Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew

Weedless Gardening by Lee Reich

Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook by Ron Kujawski and Jennifer

Kujawski www.growingwisdom.com Dave Epstein

Virginia Lamb, Groundwork Education and Consulting

compost.education@yahoo.com, 347-262-0704