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Fall Vegetable Garden Ideas



You may be in full summer-harvest mode, picking zucchini, tomatoes, and basil every night. Or maybe you got sidetracked this spring and your plans to get the vegetable garden going just never went according to plan. Well, here's some good news: Just because

fall is on its way doesn't mean it's time to pack away your gardening gloves.

Fall is prime planting time in Southern California. The bugs are fewer, water demands lighter and the plants happier, if they're the cool-clime varieties that prefer mild SoCal winters. Many cool-weather crops are *slow* growers, so planting in early fall gives them ample time to mature. If you plant in the fall, the soil is still nice and warm, so your seeds and little plants develop faster than in cooler soil. It's a great time to plant. Choose a spot with at least eight hours of sun. Clean up any garden debris that could harbor disease or pests and amend the soil with compost or aged manure. Don't over water because that leads to rot in cool temperatures. Push your finger about an inch into the soil, and water only if it feels dry. Fall vegetables are generally easier to grow so if you're up for trying your hand at a fall garden, here are a few vegetable ideas to try:

Broccoli - These green behemoths are prolific producers and easy to grow from nursery starts. They're the vegetable that keeps on giving!



Beets - Beets grow well from seed, so try a mix of colors planted in monthly intervals to stagger your harvest.

Brussels Sprouts - Brussels sprouts require a long growing season of 80 days or more, and they improve in flavor after being subjected to a light frost.

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Carrots - Carrots need a loose, stone-free soil to thrive. Stick to shorter varieties if you can't provide 12 inches of the ideal soil or you want to grow in containers. Carrots also grow best from seed.



Peas - Peas germinate slowly, so be patient and don't give up. Provide a trellis or cage so they can climb (even bush varieties like a little support). Peas do well in containers at least six to eight inches deep and 16-18 inches wide.

Potatoes - Cut seed potatoes into chunks with two eyes each and let them dry for two days before you plant. Make sure tubers are always covered with soil. (Sun exposure makes the skins green and toxic). Harvest new potatoes when the sprawling plant blooms, mature potatoes when the plants die down. "Yukon Gold" is a versatile favorite.



Good luck and happy gardening!

Happy Labor Day!

This federal holiday was created to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. So whether you work in a job or run a home business, Labor Day was created to honor and celebrate American workers.

September Quote:

Quality is more than important than quantity. One home run is much better than two doubles.

– Steve Jobs

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