

HOT TIPS: planting your edible starts



Harden-off all plants before planting them! Help ease the transition from the greenhouse to your garden and prevent transplant shock, which will slow growth. Here's how:

- Put plants outside during the day. If practical, increase the time outside by a few hours each day for about a week.
- At night, bring plants into your garage, breezeway or other cool, protected place.
- After 1-2 weeks, plants can be transplanted into your garden. Hot-season crops, including tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, cucumbers, corn and basil, need to wait until June.
- You can use special protection such as a cold frame, cloche or Wall-o-Water if planting hot crops.

Small yard? **Grow vegetables in containers!**

Containers are useful for growing herbs, edible flowers, greens and even hot season crops like eggplants or determinate tomatoes. Use a premium potting soil which provides good drainage (not garden soil, topsoil or straight compost).

Water your garden in the morning to conserve water loss and give the soil a chance to warm up during the day. Water at the base of your plants to safeguard against disease.

Looking for more **edible gardening advice**? Consult Seattle Tilth's books *Maritime NW Garden Guide* or *Your Farm in the City*, contact the Garden Hotline at gardenhotline.org, or take one of our classes!

Support pollinators! Interplant herbs and flowers among your veggies to get the most benefit from pollinators and other beneficial insects. By supporting their health, you increase crop production and reduce pest problems.

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BGP: Bradner Gardens Park, 1730 Bradner Place S, Seattle

GSC: Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave, Seattle

MP: McAuliffe Park, 10824 NE 116th St, Kirkland

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