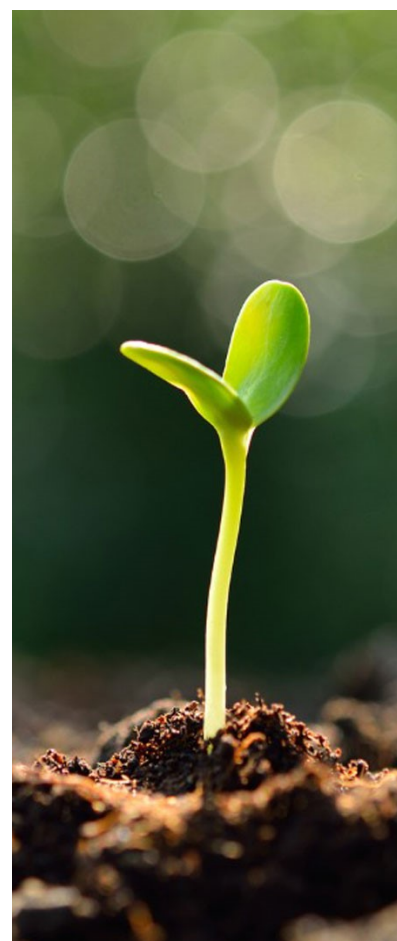


SEED STARTING

Toledo GROWS Best Practices– Tending a Garden

Materials needed to germinate vegetable/herb seeds for your garden:

1. Seeds from a reliable source
2. Germination mix – special mix to help germinate seeds; keep moist like a wrung-out wash cloth when filling containers for seeds
3. Empty container large enough to combine germination mix with water before placing in planters
4. Containers to plant seeds
 - 4 pack or 6 pack
 - Jiffy pots
 - Jiffy pellets
 - Clean, empty yogurt cup or egg carton
 - Be sure your pots have holes in the bottom to drain water
5. Labels/Popsicle sticks/Permanent marker – to label seed pots
6. Sharp pencil or bamboo skewer – to make hole in germination mix for seed
7. Heat
 - Bottom heat mat for seed germination
 - Could also place on a heat grate or top of refrigerator
 - Need more heat under the plants than ambient air temperature in order to germinate seeds
8. Watering can or misting bottle – to keep germination mix moist like a wrung-out wash cloth
9. Light source –
 - Fluorescent tubes work well
 - When seeds start to germinate, place them under direct light
 - Seedlings need 12 hours of light
 - Light from a sunny window is not enough – plants will get “leggy”, stretching for more light.
 - Keep light close to seedlings – no further than two inches above them
10. Tray with no holes – used to hold plant containers
11. Plastic cover or clear plastic bag – to cover tray with seeds to help keep them moist and warm.



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