STARTING A FAMILY VEGETABLE GARDEN

Set your family up for a successful vegetable garden by following these simple steps:

1. Decide what to grow – grow what you enjoy eating
2. Choose a location
   - Think about easy access for picking, watering, and caring for your plants
   - Garden plants need at least 10 hours of sunlight
3. Plan the garden layout
   - Start small so your family can enjoy the experience
   - Involve the entire family in planning
4. Invest in basic garden tools – the correct tools make working in your garden a pleasure instead of a chore
5. Know your soil – before building your beds or planting, you need to know something about the soil
6. Choose the right seeds or transplants – know which vegetables and herbs can be planted as seeds in the garden and which need to be transplanted
7. Nurture your garden – the right amount of water and nurturing are important throughout the season
8. Assistance
   - Local agricultural extension agent is a great source
   - Friends and neighbors may want to get involved
9. Enjoy your harvest – and share it with others when you can!

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