



FRIENDS & ENEMIES In the Garden

When two people like each other, we call it "good chemistry." When two plants thrive in each other's company, gardeners call them "good companions." No one knows exactly why this is true, but companion vegetables suffer fewer pest attacks, grow more vigorously and have better yields. Sometimes they even taste better, too. Here's a look at plants that like to be together in the garden and ones that don't.

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PLANT	PLANTING MONTHS	PLANT SPACING	PLANT HEIGHT	PARTIAL SHADE TOLERANCE	NUTRIENT DEMAND	PLANTING METHOD	FRIENDS	ENEMIES
Asparagus	Oct-Nov	3"	5 - 6"	some	high	transplant	basil, parsley, tomato	onion family
Basil	Feb-May	12"	12 - 24"	poor	low	seed	benefits all, especially tomatoes	rue
Beet	Oct-Apr	3"	6 - 12"	some	high	seed	bush bean, cabbage family, kohlrabi, lettuce, onion family	pole bean
Broccoli	Aug-Apr	12"	18 - 24"	some	high	transplant	beet, bush bean, celery, cucumber, carrot, herbs, kale, lettuce, onion, potato, spinach, tomato	pole bean, strawberry
Brussel Sprout	Aug-Jan	12"	18 - 24"	good	high	transplant	carrot, herbs	<i>See broccoli</i>
Cabbage	Aug-Apr	12"	12 - 15"	good	high	transplant	<i>See broccoli</i>	<i>See broccoli</i>
Carrot	Jul-Apr	3"	12 - 18"	some	low	seed	bean, cabbage family, leaf lettuce, onion family, peas, peppers, radish, rosemary, sage, tomato	anise, celery, dill, parsnip
Cauliflower	Sep-Apr	12"	18-24"	some	high	transplant	<i>See broccoli</i>	<i>See broccoli</i>
Celery	Sep-Feb	6"	16"	some	high	transplant	bush bean, cabbage, cauliflower, leek, pea, tomato	carrot, parsnip
Collard	Jan-Mar	16"	24-30"	good	high	seed	tomato	grapes
Coriander	Feb-Mar; Jul-Sep	6"	1-2'	poor	low	seed	benefits all	fennel
Corn	Mar-Aug	12"	6-8"	poor	high	seed	bean, cabbage, cucumber, melon, parsley, pea, perennials, potato, pumpkin, squash,	quack grass
Cucumber	Feb-Jun; Sep-Oct	6"	4-6' trellis	poor	high	seed	bean, cabbage family, corn, lettuce, pea, radish, tomato	aromatic herbs, potato
Dill	Feb-Sep	18-24"	3-4'	poor	low	seed	cabbage family, cucumbers, lettuce, onions	carrot, tomato
Eggplant	Mar-Apr; Sep-Oct	12"	24"	poor	high	transplant	bean, peppers	none
Garlic	Sep-Oct	6"	12-24"	poor	medium	clove	cabbage family, eggplant, tomato,	asparagus, bean, pea
Kale	Aug-Apr	12"	8-12"	good	high	seed	aromatic herbs, cabbage, potato	none
Kohlrabi	Aug-Apr	3"	12-18"	some	high	seed	aromatic herbs, beet, cucumber, lettuce, onion	pole bean, strawberry, tomato
Leek	Aug-Mar	3"	2-3'	poor	high	transplant	carrot, celery, onion	<i>See garlic</i>
Lettuce	Aug-Mar	6"	4-8"	good	high	seed	beet, cabbage family, carrot, cucumber, pea, radish, strawberry, tomato,	none known
Marjoram	Sep-Mar	6"	2'	poor	medium	seed	chives, sage and other herbs	none known
Melon	Mar-Jun	12" (on trellis)	5-12'	poor	high	seed/transplant	corn, radish, peas	potato
Mustard	Aug-Mar	6"	10-18'	good	high	seed	beans, grape vines, fruit trees	turnip
Okra	Mar-Jun	12"	6"	poor	high	seed	peppers, eggplant	none known
Onion	Oct-Feb	3"	24-36"	poor	medium	sets	beet, carrot, cabbage family, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsnip, peppers, strawberry, tomato, turnip	asparagus, bean, pea, sage
Oregano	Feb-May; Aug-Sep	12"	12-24"	poor	high	cutting	benefits all, attracts beneficial insects	none known
Parsley	Aug-Apr	6"	9-18"	good	high	seed/transplant	asparagus, corn, tomato	none
Parsnip	Sep-Oct; Mar-Apr	3"	12-18"	some	low	seed	bush bean, garlic, onion, pea, peppers, potato, radish	carrot, celery
Pea	Nov-Mar	3"	4-6'	some	low	seed	bean, carrot, celery, corn, cucumber, eggplant, potato, radish, turnip, tomato	onion family
Peppers	Mar-Apr; Aug-Oct	12"	15-36"	poor	medium	transplant	carrot, eggplant, okra, onion, parsnip, tomato	kohlrabi, fennel
Pumpkin	Feb-Jun	48"/12" trellis	6-12'	poor	high	seed	beans, corn, eggplant, radish	potato
Radish	Aug-May	3"	6-8"	some	low	seed	carrot, cucumber, leaf lettuce, mustard, parsnip, pea, pole bean	none
Rosemary	Feb-May	12"	1-4'	poor	medium	cutting	cabbage family, insect repellent	none known
Sage	Aug-Apr	12"	24"	poor	medium	seed cutting	cabbage family, insect repellent	cucumbers, rue, onion
Spinach	Sep-Apr	3"	12"	good	high	seed	cabbage, celery, eggplant, peppers, strawberry	none known
Squash	Apr-Aug	16"	3-5'	poor	high	seed	aromatic herbs, catnip, corn, radish	potato
Strawberry	Oct-Nov	12"	6-12"	poor	high	transplant	bean, lettuce, onion, spinach	potato
Swiss Chard	Sep-Apr	6"	18"	good	high	seed	none known	none known
Tarragon	Feb-May; Aug-Sep	18-24"	30"	poor	low	transplant	benefits all, favourite companion of tomatoes	none known
Thyme	Aug-May	12"	2-12"	poor	medium	cutting	benefits all, repels pests	none known
Tomato	Year Round	12"	4-10'	poor	high	transplant	aromatic herbs, carrot, celery, cucumber, lettuce, onion, parsley, peppers, spinach	cabbage, fennel, kohlrabi, potato
Turnip	Sep-Apr	6"	10-15"	some	low	seed	onion family, pea, tomato	potato
Watermelon	Mar-May	48"/6" trellis	5-9'	poor	high	seed/transplant	beet, corn, pea, radish	cucumber, potato