

# Vegetable Gardening Project List



## FIRST SEASON

The first season can be more difficult with smaller yields, but have patience! **Choose your site carefully** - vegetables need at least 6 hours of sun. Plan for ease of frequent maintenance. Amend and plant directly, or use **raised beds**, which give you much greater success with many plants due to increased drainage and ease of soil turning (*more on reverse*). **Containers** work; try our **NHG Organic Potting Soil**. Don't treat your soil like dirt! Vegetables need *the best* soil health you can give them in order to get the best results. Use your own compost and recipe, or try ours:

**Soil Amendments** - (*for raised beds; omit Topsoil if planting in-ground*)

Soil Mender Topsoil	_____	Vital Earth Organic Compost	_____
Soil Mender Garden Soil Builder	_____	Soil Mender Cow Manure	_____

**Fertilizer** - add an organic vegetable food at 2 lbs per 100 sq ft:

Espoma Garden-Tone	_____	Espoma Tomato-Tone	_____
NHG Herb & Veggie Food	_____	Texas Tee	_____

*(add Texas Tee for in-ground situations to give needed additional nitrogen)*

***See the reverse side for ratios of these recommended amendments.***

**Thoroughly blend** all the above materials together to form your soil, and moisten it as needed.

**Mulch**— water first, then add a 2 - 3" layer of organic mulch such as pine straw, cedar, or hardwood, and lightly water again. Do not mulch areas to be seeded.

*Try adding these amendments to ensure your success:*

- **Espoma Bio-Tone Starter Plus**—an organic soil bacteria jump-starter, food, & bio-stimulant
- **Dried Molasses**—adds needed sugars to boost the population & activity of soil bacteria
- **Liquid Seaweed**— supplies trace nutrients & a pest repellent; apply as a drench or spray
- **Texas Greensand**— gives iron and other trace nutrients; ideal for root crops
- **Horticultural Corn Meal**— increases soil quality and prevents possible fungal issues
- **Epsom Salts**— supplements magnesium, required for plant growth & ideal for tomatoes

## SECOND SEASON & THEREAFTER

Things get better over time! Watch for earthworms as the soil improves and nutrients become more available to your plants. The soil will settle, and the organic matter will be used up by the plants each season. Add additional **Compost, Garden Builder** and **manure, fertilize** again, and turn. If a larger volume is needed, start with **Topsoil**. See a Garden Advisor for rates. Monitor your growing garden carefully— daily if possible—for potential pest and disease problems to catch them early and maximize your harvests.

***Vegetable gardening can be a challenge! Ask a Garden Advisor for help.***

## Raised Bed Kits & Installation

*Installation includes delivery, assembly, and weed block fabric.*

### 3' x 6' x 1' Kit = 18 cu ft

**kit only: \$199.99 + tax**

6 bags Soil Mender Topsoil  
 3 bags Soil Mender Garden Soil Builder  
 6 bags Vital Earth Organic Compost  
 2 bags Cow Manure

<b>soil only</b>	<b>\$119.83 + tax</b>
<b>kit &amp; soil total</b>	<b>\$319.82 + tax</b>

**Installed: \$449.99 + tax**

### 4' x 8' x 1' Kit = 32 cu ft

**kit only: \$239.99 + tax**

10 bags Soil Mender Topsoil  
 6 bags Soil Mender Garden Soil Builder  
 10 bags Vital Earth Organic Compost  
 4 bags Cow Manure

<b>soil only</b>	<b>\$215.70 + tax</b>
<b>kit &amp; soil total</b>	<b>\$455.69 + tax</b>

**Installed: \$589.99 + tax**

We offer delivery, installation, and planting options for our raised beds. All our services are determined by our zip code-based delivery zones. Please inquire about services to other areas.

### Delivery

Raised Bed kits can be delivered along with your purchased vegetable and herb transplants, and you can plant them yourself. For **delivery only** rates (no installation) please inquire at our Service Desk.

### Installation

To have your raised bed assembled and installed, first verify that the area receives at least 6 hours of direct sun per day. It must be level. The spot must be totally cleared for bed installation by scraping the soil surface free of any existing vegetation. The soil should not be tilled. Beds can also be placed on hard surfaces such as gravel or concrete. **Installed Price includes raised bed kit, delivery, assembly, weed block fabric, soil, and installation.** Any additional plants up to 10 gallons can be delivered on the same order for no additional cost. (If you purchase a larger item or fountain, we'll add regular delivery fees).

### Planting

Planting services are available only for beds we are installing, not pre-existing beds. Planting in our installed raised beds can be done according to your plan, which must correspond to the size of the bed and be ready for them when they arrive. You can plan your layout using some of our sample templates or from your time with our Garden Coach. **NHG staff cannot plan placement of vegetables or any other plants in your raised beds for you once they are on site.** Rates are \$1.00 per plant for 4 inch pots, \$2.00 per plant for 1 quart - 5 inch pots; and \$5.00 per plant for 1 gallon pots. **Planting fees are in addition to the bed installation package price.**

Questions? Our Garden Advisors are happy to assist!