

**Seeding,
Weeding
and mulch
more**

For the avid gardener

**Get Down to Basics
for Gardening Success**

You can enjoy Gardening, one of the most popular hobbies, whether you're a senior citizen, youngster or any age in between. Whatever the size of your garden — big, small or, perhaps, just a few pots on a patio — it's fun to grow some tasty vegetables and pretty flowers. To get you started on the right path to success, follow these good gardening practices:

Garden Plan. . . The best gardens usually start with a plan on paper. It's easy to draw a layout to scale on graph paper, showing rows or spaces for each variety of vegetable and flower you want to grow from spring to fall.

Correct Garden Location. . . Choose a sunny spot that gets sunshine at least 6 hours a day (for most varieties) away from tree and shrub roots and free from puddles after heavy rain. Leafy vegetables (loosehead lettuce, parsley, spinach and Swiss Chard) are worth trying in partial shade. Begonias, coleus and impatiens thrive in shady areas.

Correct Soil Preparation. . . Thoroughly spade or till the soil when it's dry enough to crumble easily and not stick together in big clods. Work in compost, peat moss or some other organic material to improve the general condition (tilth) of the soil. Rake or hoe to make the surface smooth and level.

Adequate Nutrition. . . At soil preparation time, apply ground

limestone (except in alkaline soil areas) and a balanced garden fertilizer according to soil test recommendations or package directions.

Proper Planting. . . Sow seeds or set out plants according to instructions on seed packets. Put tall growers like sweet corn, pole beans, staked tomatoes and big sunflowers on the north or west side of a garden so they won't shade shorter varieties.

Adequate Growing Space. . . Thin or transplant seedlings to the spacing recommended on seed packets. Crowded plants are apt to be weak, spindly and produce or flower poorly.

Enough Moisture. . . Water evenly and deeply about once a week during very dry weather, more often just after seeds are sown. It's especially important to watch germinating (sprouting) seeds and young seedlings; don't ever let them dry out completely. Burpee's new garden watering sets are easy to use, save work and supply water where needed, without waste.

Weed Control. . . Hoe occasionally to remove weeds while they're small and easy to eliminate. Better yet, use a work-saving, moisture-saving mulch such as sheet plastic, or organic types, including wood chips, straw, grass clippings, composted (partially decomposed) leaves and others. Mulches smother weeds.

Insect and Disease Control. . . Select and plant disease-resistant varieties. Rotate vegetables in your garden from year to year. In other words, if possible, don't plant tomatoes this year in the same place where you had them last year. Remove sick-looking plants and throw them in the trash. Spray or dust sick-looking plants and throw them in the trash. Spray or dust with insecticides or fungicides when a problem is first noticed.

Timely Harvest. . . Pick and use fruits and vegetables at their peak of flavor and goodness. Watch cucumbers and zucchini squash especially. Don't let them get overgrown. Store peas and sweet corn in the refrigerator if you aren't going to cook and serve them promptly. This chilling helps preserve their sweetness and flavor. Can, freeze or otherwise store surplus produce for future meals.

Compost Garden Refuse. . . Make a compost pile with leaves,

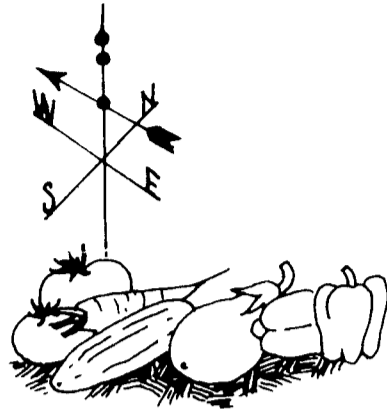
vegetable tops and peelings, grass clippings, fruit skins and other organic material. Composting breaks down these materials into humus, which improves the condition of the soil, makes plants grow and produce better. Compost bins are neat, space-saving ways to compost garden and kitchen waste, if you don't have room for a large pile.

Succession Planting. . . Sow a summer crop—for instance, bush snap beans—in a place vacated by an early, fast-maturing vegetable—such as radishes. Sow broccoli, loosehead lettuce, carrots or beets to replace crops harvested in early summer. This will keep all your garden space busy and producing tasty vegetables from early spring to late fall.

Remove Faded Flowers. . . To keep flower gardens tidy and blooming all summer, pick and

Closely spaced rows and successive plantings help you harvest the most from a sunny area 20 x 25 ft. The peas make a mouth-watering feast early then are removed to make room for Brussels Sprouts. Cucumbers and tomatoes are grown on supports to save space and keep the fruit clean and blemish free.

1 ft	Sweet Corn
1 ft	Kale after corn is removed
1 ft	Sweet Corn
2 ft	Tomato — Large Fruited — 10 staked plants
2 ft	Tomato — Small Fruited 4 staked plants Cucumbers on netting
2 ft	Squash, Zucchini—6 plants Peppers —6 plants
2 ft	Beans Bush Snap — 2 successive plantings
1½ ft	Swiss Chard
1½ ft	Radishes, follow with Bush Snap Beans
1½ ft	Spinach follow with Broccoli
1½ ft	Parsley — Cabbage 2 successive plantings
2 ft	Lettuce 2 successive plantings
1 ft	Carrots 2 successive plantings
1 ft	Beets 2 successive plantings
1 ft	Onions
1½ ft	Peas follow with Brussels Sprouts



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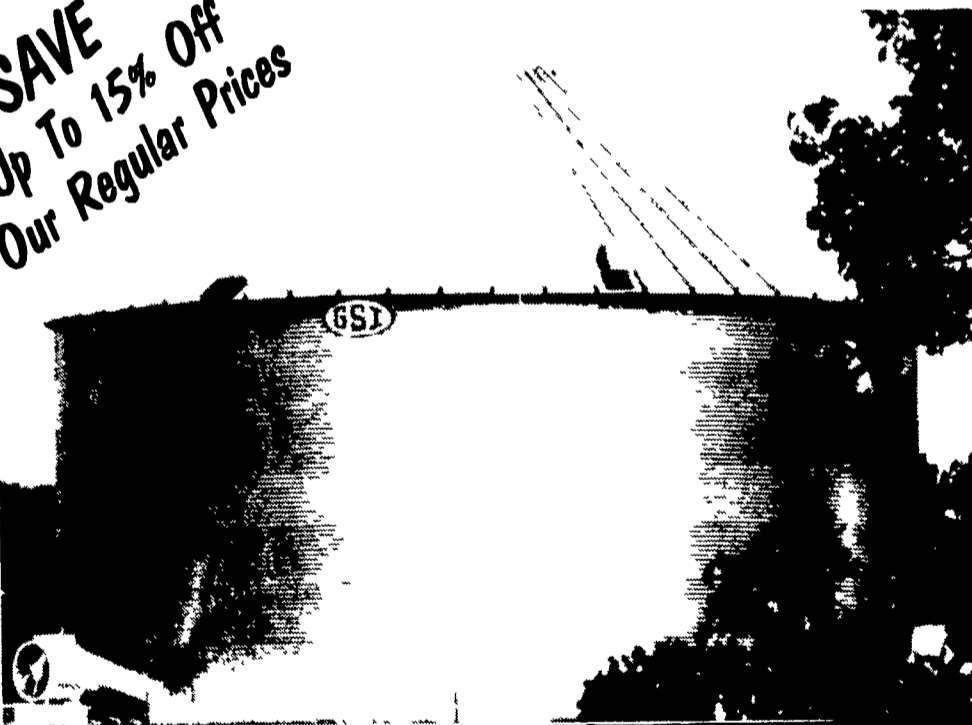
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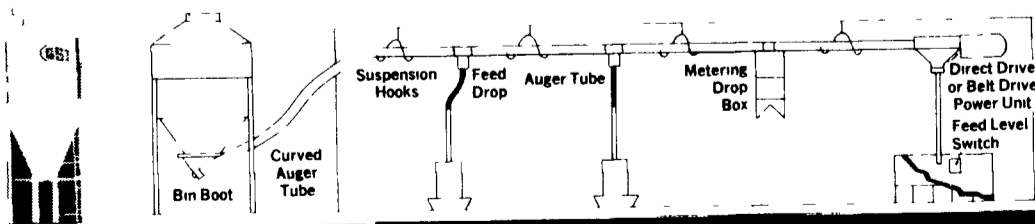
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