



GROW A FALL GARDEN!

Expand your options. Impress family and friends.

Think Cool Thoughts

Cool season vegetables including beets, carrots, lettuce, radishes, spinach, and turnips (and even warm season green beans) can be planted in **late July and early August** for a fall crop.

Be Prepared

As spring plantings come and go, prepare for fall gardening by removing dead plants and weeds and working compost or well-rotted manure into open garden areas.

Look for a Break

If the temperature drops into the 80s or there's a good chance of rain, go ahead and do some planting to increase your chances of success.

Water Helps

Keep the soil moist in dry weather just after planting. Once plants are established, less water is needed. Remember too much water can be just as bad as too little.

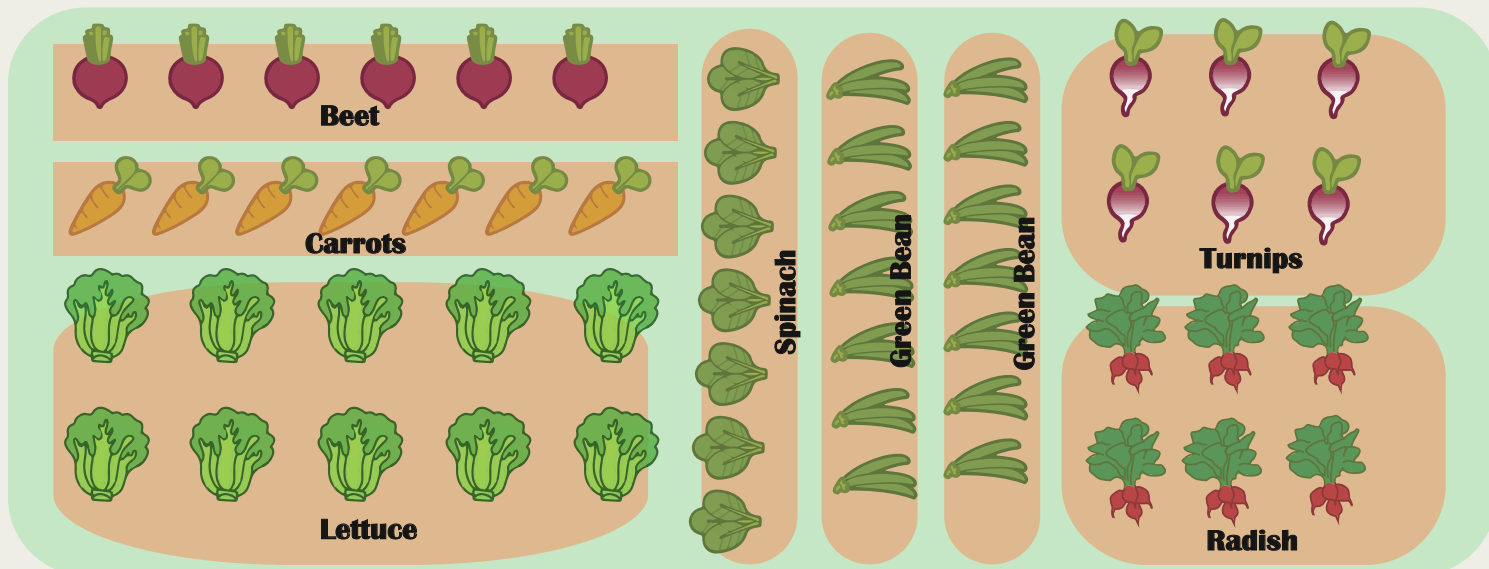
Try Mulch

A layer of straw or hay can reduce soil temperatures and preserve soil moisture. The mulch will break down in time and enrich the garden.

Keep Other Options in Mind

If you can find them at a garden center or raise your own, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower seedlings can be planted in late July through early August. Collards, kale, and Swiss chard can be planted at the same time from seed. Spinach planted late (mid-September) has a good chance of living through the winter and growing again in the spring.

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