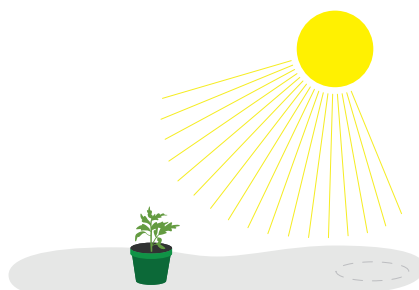


# How to plant and care for your vegetables



- 1** Upon arrival, carefully remove your vegetable plant from the shipping box and water.



- 2** Depending on your vegetable, plant in full or partial sun.



- 3** Dig a hole twice the width and depth of the plant's root ball (soil-and-root mass).



- 4** Flip the plant upside down and gently remove the pot by pulling it up and away from the root ball. Recycle the pot.



- 5** Before transplanting, gently break up the root ball to encourage root growth.



- 6** Place plant into the hole and fill with loose soil until the top of the root ball is level with the ground.



- 7** For best results, add a water-soluble fertilizer after transplant, repeating every 7 to 10 days. Water the plant generously.



- 8** Monitor the growth of your vegetable. Maintain moist soil, remove weeds, fertilize and continuously harvest once mature.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Growing results may vary by region.

**Watering:** Sufficient watering is a must! Try not to let the soil completely dry out. To determine if your plant needs water, press your finger 2 to 3 inches into the soil. If it feels dry, it's time to water. Overwatering can be as damaging as underwatering. Be sure the area surrounding your plant has good drainage and avoid standing water.



**Maintenance:** Upon arrival, and throughout your plant's life, remove wilted or discolored foliage to encourage new growth. If weeds grow around your plant, pull them, including roots, as soon as they appear.

**Harvesting:** Harvest vegetables after they have reached full maturity. Enjoy fresh-picked produce, can your vegetables or store in a root cellar if appropriate.



Do not consume any other part of the plant. The plants should be discarded after final harvest at the end of the season or after first frost.

**Containers:** Some vegetables can be grown in containers. Choose a pot that is large enough to allow for plant growth and spread, and be sure it has adequate drainage. Container vegetables will require more frequent watering.

**Vegetable Support:** Vining and climbing vegetables may require a support mechanism, such as a stake, trellis or wire cage.



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