

Veg Guru Tip 3

"Leave your tomatoes in their pots until they flower, then prune the lower suckers and plant deep in well-prepared soil. This ensures good root development, enabling the tomatoes to draw up more water and nutrients from the soil."

Jonathan Murphy - Yellow Box Growers



Veg Guru Tip 4

"Try to have wind breaks surrounding your veggie garden. The wind can be damaging and desiccating, stunting the growth of your precious produce. The best kind of wind break still allows a small amount of wind to pass through, like a shade cloth fence or a natural wind break that cools and humidifies the air as the wind passes through, like a hedge of trees or a vine on a trellis. If you choose your natural wind break species wisely it could have multiple functions, providing shade, attracting pollinators and predatory insects and decreasing evaporation and water usage in your veggie garden."

Lachlan MacDonald - Wallan Home Harvest



Veg Guru Tip 5

"In late summer and early autumn get your friends, families and neighbours together to preserve, sauce, dehydrate, pickle, jam and freeze all of summers abundance. When properly stored you can enjoy all your summers harvest in mid winter!"

When you have excess food consider local fresh produce swaps. Eat Ethical, Eat Local, Eat Seasonal, Eat Well!"

Cynthia Lim, The food eXchange



Handy resources to look up in our region.

- > Get a copy of the *Sustainable Gardening in Mitchell and Strathbogie Shires* booklet available at Council's Customer and Library Service Centres.
- > Join a local gardening, environmental or community group.
- > In Spring, look out for Council's compost bin and worm farm subsidy program.
- > Visit our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or your local library.

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Vegetable Planting Guide

A resource for growing veggies in Mitchell Shire.



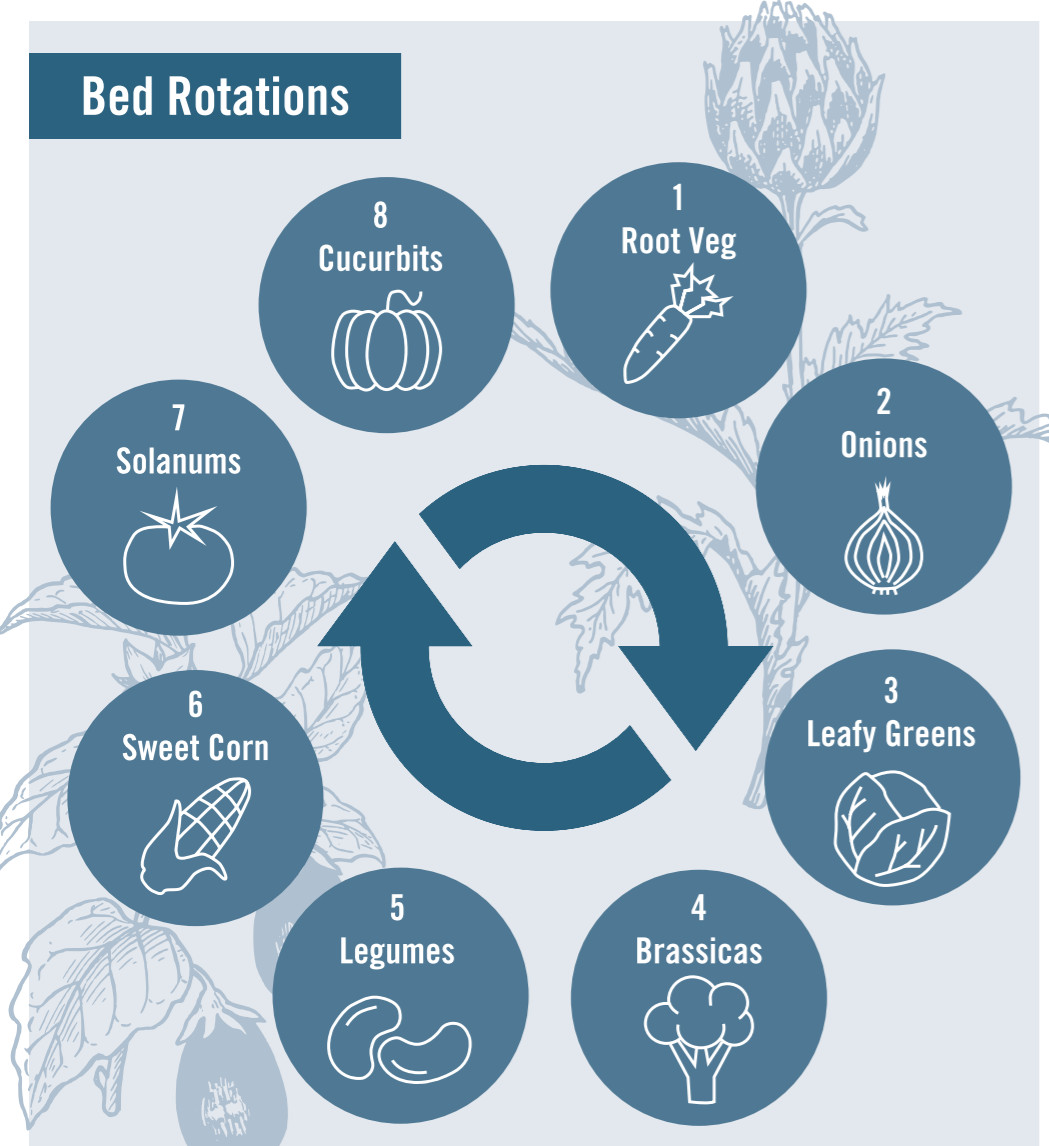
Veg Guru Tip 1

"Use the resources around us. Horse manure is everywhere in our region, work out a system such as bagging it up then let it compost properly to remove weed seeds etc. Don't lose the moisture in the compost. Watch your plants loving this soil conditioner. Go hard with worms!"

Barefoot Brian, Seymour

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Bed Rotations



Veg Guru Tip 2

“You can start planting out zucchini after frosts, normally about October/November. If the frost gets them, no matter, plant again as there will be plenty of time for them to flourish.

We all love summer zucchini and squash but don't let them get away and grow too large. Eat them raw, young and small for the best texture.”

Chloe Fox - Somerset Heritage Produce



Plant	Tribe (planting bed)	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sow as	Frost	Cycle	Harvest (weeks)	
		Spring			Summer			Autumn			Winter							
Broccoli	Brassica	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	12	
Brussel Sprouts						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	16 to 24
Cabbage			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	8 to 20
Cauliflower			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Annual	16 to 24
Kale			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	8
Kohlrabi				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Annual	8
Turnip and Swede									✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Annual	4 to 10
Cucumber		Cucurbits		✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	
Pumpkin				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	12
Rockmelon				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	12 to 14
Squash				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	10
Sunflower				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	
Watermelon				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	10 to 14
Zucchini				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	6
Beetroot	Leafy Greens		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	8 to 10
Lettuce			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seedling	Hardy	Annual	3
Mustard Greens			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seed	Hardy	Annual	6 to 20
Pak Choy			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seedling	Hardy	Annual	
Radish			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seed	Hardy	Annual	3 to 6
Rocket			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Silverbeet			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	3 to 4
Spinach			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Tatsoi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seed	Hardy	Biennial	
Warrigal Greens			✓	✓	✓										Seed	Hardy	Perennial	
Wongbok (Cabbage)									✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Annual	
Beans (Broad)		Legumes							✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Beans (Bush and Climbing)				✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual	12
Pea			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Chives			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Perennial	
Garlic	Onions							✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Annual	16	
Leeks			✓	✓	✓										Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	16 to 22
Onion (Brown and Red)												✓	✓	✓	Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	
Onion (Spring)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	
Onion (White)									✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	
Shallot		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Bulb	Hardy	Biennial	10 to 12	
Artichoke (Globe)	Perennials	✓	✓	✓										Crown	Hardy	Perennial	14	
Artichoke (Jerusalem)			✓	✓	✓										Tuber	Hardy	Perennial	
Asparagus			✓	✓	✓										Crown	Hardy	Perennial	
Rhubarb			✓	✓	✓										Crown	Hardy	Perennial	
Carrot	Root Veg	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	10	
Celery			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seedling	Hardy	Biennial	12 to 14
Coriander			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Dill			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Annual	
Fennel			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	10 to 12
Parsley			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	
Parsnip			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				Seed	Hardy	Biennial	15
Basil	Solanums		✓	✓	✓									Seedling	Tender	Annual	4 to 6	
Capsicum				✓	✓	✓									Seedling	Tender	Annual	12
Chilli				✓	✓	✓									Seedling	Tender	Annual	4 to 6
Eggplant				✓	✓	✓									Seedling	Tender	Perennial	12
Potato				✓	✓	✓									Tuber	Tender	Annual	12 to 16
Tomato				✓	✓	✓									Seedling	Tender	Annual	
Sweet Corn	Sweet corn		✓	✓	✓									Seed	Tender	Annual		