

# HOME VEGETABLE GARDENING

**Vegetables can be grown in containers, home yards, community garden lots, or large ranch areas. To grow vegetables successfully, observe the following basic rules:**

- Plant only as large a garden as you can maintain easily. Beginning gardeners often over plant and fail because their skills and time commitment are not great enough to accomplish the task. Gardening requires weed and pest control and irrigation when needed.
- Plan your garden on paper before you begin.
- Grow crops that produce the maximum amount of food in the space available.
- Plant during the correct season for the crop you plan to grow. Choose varieties recommended for your area.
- Select a site that receives at least 8 hours of full sun each day. It should be relatively level, well drained, and close to a water source. Avoid shaded location.
- Prepare the soil properly and amend and fertilize as needed.
- Harvest vegetables at their proper stage of maturity. Store them promptly if they are not to be used immediately.

## HELPFUL WEBSITE

- Napa Master Gardeners - [napamg.ucanr.edu](http://napamg.ucanr.edu)  
This website gives you access to all of the Master Gardener information available. It is easily accessible from our home page. Select “gardening resources” for answers to your specific vegetable questions.

