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# School Garden Tips: September



- **Garden Maintenance:**

Create a garden plan or goal for the school year. If your plan includes growing vegetables for lesson planning, make sure to plan for the season and location. In Oakland, Fall is the “cool season”, so leafy greens and root vegetables grow best. Full sun is ideal for most vegetables, but root and leafy vegetables can tolerate some shade. Soil can be amended with compost to improve quality, especially in raised beds. Prune fruit trees now to control size and continue to water.

- **Planting Guide**

Seeds: Arugula, Broccoli, Peas, Beans, Bok Choy, Onion Sets, Carrots, Radish, Kale, Leeks, Lettuce, Spinach,

Plants: Cabbage, Collards, Cauliflower, Chard, Celery

- **Pest & Disease Alert:**

Protect newly planted seeds and seedlings from birds and [squirrels](#). Cover any seedlings smaller than 2-3 inches with berry baskets or empty clear soda bottles, and any newly planted seeds with newspaper or burlap.

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