

California Gardening

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Vegetables | Trellis and Training Systems

One thing that can derail even the best vegetable garden is inadequate support for plants like indeterminate tomatoes, pole beans, cucumbers and peas. The design of the trellis can be very creative or your basic three Tee Pee poles lashed together at the top. Some plants such as pole beans will not interweave in a lattice so a pole system works better for those. Most trellises should be 6-8 tall.

Beans:	Tee Pee Poles 6-8 feet tall
Cucumbers	Stakes spaced every 3-4 feet apart and heavy twin tautly from stake to stake horizontally to create a net that supports the growth along a row.
Chayote	This is a perennial vine that will require permanent and sturdy trellising.
Tomatoes	Same as cucumbers Heavy wire cages Single stake on each plant with stems being tied up with soft flexible material.
Peas	Tee Pee Poles 6-8 ft. Same as Cucumbers