

PLANT SPACING FOR YOUR GARDEN

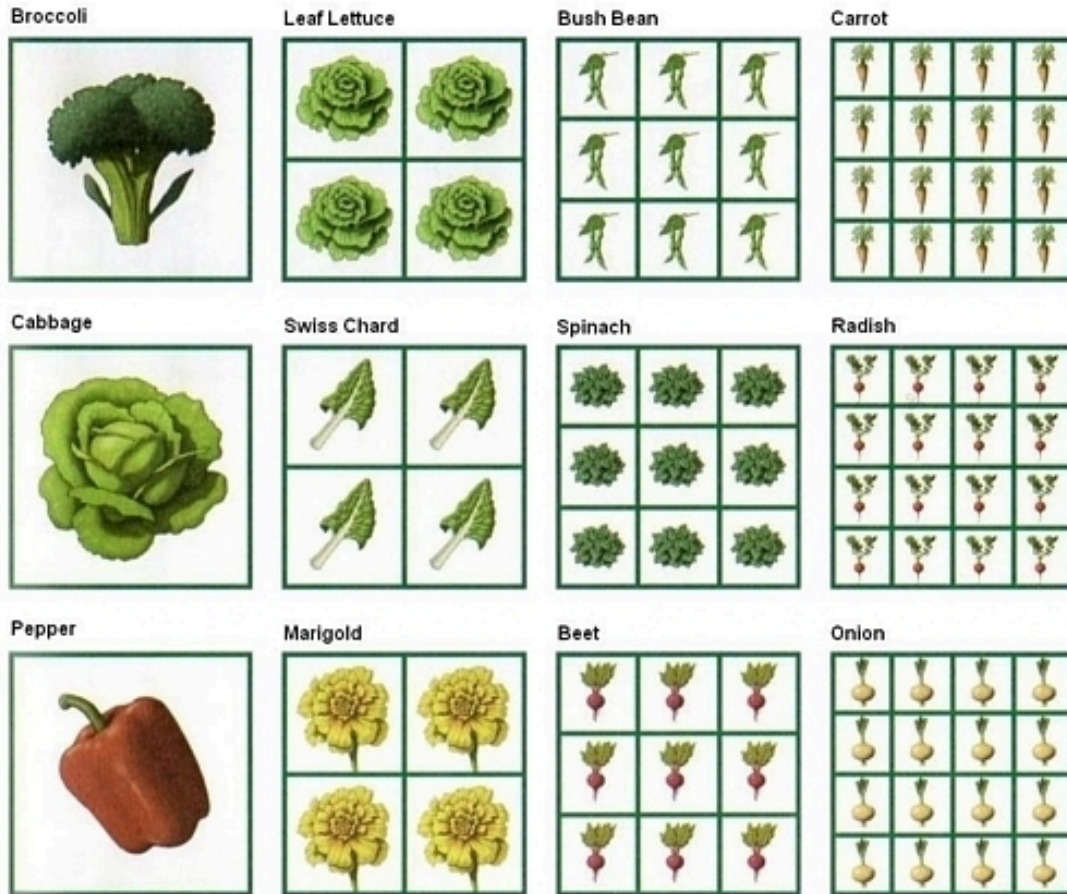


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The spacing chart above illustrates a method of plant spacing used by square foot gardeners. This format for plant spacing is said to increase plant yields up to 50% when compared to traditional row planting. Each of the larger squares above represents one square foot. The number of square feet in such a garden doesn't matter as long as it is no more than four feet wide so the plants can be reached from either side. Of course you will need to have all four sides of your raised bed accessible so don't place one side against a fence or wall. The general rule is that the size of the plant at maturity determines how many of it you put in each square. For smaller plants such as onions you can plant 16 but for larger plants such as pepper, you should only plant one per square foot.



Planning Grid for Square Foot Garden

Note: Make another copy of this page if the bed is 8 feet long.
