

Selections from DigThis newsletter

Companion planting



Companion planting is the practice of planting two or more plants together for mutual benefit.

- Shelter larger plants protect others from wind or too much sun.
- Support Some vegetables can be used as physical supports for others. For example, pole beans with corn use the corn as a trellis.
- Beneficial Insects attracting beneficial insects such as bees help spread pollen.
- Soil Improvement some vegetables improve soil conditions for other plants. Members of the legume family (beans etc.) draw nitrogen from the atmosphere and add it to the soil around them.
- Decoy Plants these are plants that emit odors that aid in masking the odors of insectdesirable vegetable plants.

Use this chart as a guide, and modify it as you find what works (or doesn't work) in your own garden.

asparagus	basil NO – brocc	cilantro <i>oli, garlic, or</i>	dill nion, potato	marigold	nasturtium	oregano	parsley	tomato	thyme	
bean (bush)		nasturtium s, garlic, mar	pea rigold, onion,	potato <i>shallot</i>	rosemary	squash				
bean (pole)		celery <i>broccoli, mai</i>	chard <i>rigold</i>	corn	cucumber	eggplant	pea	potato	radish	
beet	bean (bush) NO – bean (corn (pole), tomat	garlic o	lettuce	kohlrabi	mint	onion			
broccoli	celery NO – bean (onion (pole), aspara	potato agus, pepper,	rosemary potato, pump	sage okin, corn, me	elon, strawbe	erry, tomato			
cabbage	celery NO – marig	cucumber old	dill	garlic	kale	lettuce	nasturtium	onion	rosemary	tomato
carrot	bean NO – potato	leek o, <i>parsnip, ar</i>	lettuce nise, dill	pea	onion	pepper	rosemary	sage	tomato	
corn	bean NO – brocc	beet oli, tomato, v	cucumber wheat-straw n	pea nulch	potato	squash	sunflower			
cucumber	bean NO – aroma	cabbage atic herb, pot	corn ato	lettuce	nasturtium	pea	radish			
garlic	beet NO – bean,	cabbage <i>pea</i>	eggplant	tomato						
lettuce	beet NO – parsle	cabbage ey	carrot	onion	strawberry					
marigold	asparagus NO – bean	pepper	potato	tomato						
nasturtium	asparagus	bean	cabbage	cucumber	squash					
onion	beet NO – aspara	broccoli agus, bean, p	cabbage oea, sage	carrot	lettuce	pepper	potato	rosemary	strawberry	tomato
pea	bean NO – garlic	carrot , onion	corn	cucumber	potato	tomato	radish	turnip		
pepper	carrot NO – bean,	onion <i>kohlrabi, po</i>	marigold <i>tato</i>							
potato	bean NO – aspara	broccoli agus, brocco	cabbage oli, cabbage, c	corn auliflower, ca	horse-radish errot, cucumb	-	onion melon, peppe	pea er, squash, to	mato, sunflov	ver
squash	bean NO – potato	corn	mint	nasturtium	radish	sunflower				
sunflower	bean NO – potato	corn	squash							
tomato	asparagus NO – beet,	basil	cauliflower	cabbage	carrot	dill	garlic	marigold	onion	pea
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