

Beginner Vegetable Garden Setup Checklist

A simple, stress-free guide to starting your first garden

1. Choose Your Garden Style

- Containers (pots, buckets, or grow bags)
- Raised beds
- In-ground garden

2. Pick the Right Location

- Receives 6–8 hours of sunlight daily
- Easy access to water
- Good drainage (no standing water)
- Close enough to check regularly

3. Gather Your Supplies – Materials

- Containers or raised bed frame
- Quality potting mix or garden soil
- Compost
- Mulch (straw, shredded leaves, or wood chips)

4. Gather Your Supplies – Tools

- Trowel
- Hand fork
- Watering can or hose with gentle spray nozzle

5. Prepare Before Planting

- Fill beds or containers with soil (do not compact)
- Confirm drainage holes are clear
- Mix in compost lightly
- Apply mulch after planting

6. Beginner-Friendly Plants

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Leafy greens (lettuce, spinach)
- Herbs
- Bush beans

7. Planting & Care

- Follow spacing on seed packets or plant tags
- Water thoroughly after planting
- Label plants
- Water consistently and check plants every few days

Reminder: Gardening doesn't require perfection—just consistency. Every season gets easier.