



## Seedling Guidebook 2011

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<b>asparagus</b>	jersey knight	Green variety, bred to do well even in heavier soils.	Needs rich soil, but can handle partial sunlight Plant 8" in raised beds. Allow "ferns" to grow through the summer; only cut back when brown.	In early through mid-spring. Harvest lightly the first year after planting. Full harvesting can begin the second year.	p
<b>chard</b>	bright lights swiss	Multicolored stems with glossy green leaves.	6-12" apart, in full sun.	Throughout growing season. Cut outside, largest leaves, and allow center leaves to grow.	a
<b>cucumbers</b>	marketmore 76	Productive, dark green, & uniform.	12" apart in full sun, in well-drained, fertile soil.	When 8-9" long. Harvest daily once production begins.	a
<b>eggplant</b>	orient express	Asian. Thin, 8-10" glossy black fruits.	18" apart in sunny, hot location.	Careful - stems can have spines where they attach to fruits! When desired size, clip from plant.	a
	snowy	Asian. High-yielding, 7"x2" white fruits.	(see above)	(see above)	(see above)
<b>flowers</b>	Mrs. Scott Eliot	Pink, purple, & white spurred flowers. 30" plants. Attracts beneficial insects.	Moist, well-drained soil. Plant in sun or partial shade.	Cut when in full bloom.	p
	purple coneflower (Echinacea)	Rose to lavender daisy-like blooms. 2-4'. Medicinal, attracts beneficials.	18-24" apart, in full sun.	Cut when in full bloom, and centers are still tight.	p
	lemon gem marigold	Tiny, edible flowers with lacy foliage.	12" apart, in full sun. Will grow well in average soil. Do not overfertilize.	When in bloom. Cut blossoms for salads or harvest stems for small bouquets.	a (may reseed)
	jewel mix nasturtiums	Bright, edible, trumpet-shaped blooms. Sweet & spicy flavor, red, orange, & yellow.	12" apart. Full sun to partial shade. Bloom best in average, well-drained soil.	When flowers open.	a
	goldsturm rudbeckia	Gold petaled, black-eyed susans. 2' plants. Attract beneficial insects.	12-18" spacing, in sunny, well-drained location.	When in full bloom, and centers are still tight.	p
	sungold dwarf sunflower	2' tall plant; good for containers or small spaces. Bright yellow double blooms.	1 plant per 8" pot, or 12" between plants, in the ground. Full sun, well-drained soil.	Clip where the branch attaches to the stem, when petals are just open and centers are tight.	a
	starburst sunflower	Branching plant, grows 48-60". Pale yellow, with multiple layers of petals.	9-24" spacing, in full sun. Prefers light, well-drained soil.	Clip where the branch attaches to the stem, when petals are just open and centers are tight.	a
<b>herbs</b>	holy basil	Sacred to Hindus. Light musky scent with a hint of mint & cloves. 16-22," purple & green.	4-8" spacing, in full sun. Will not survive frost.	Clip stem above any set of leaves. Clip off any flowers, to encourage leaf production.	a



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(herbs)	italian large leaf basil	Large plant with shiny, dark green leaves up to 4" long. Sweet flavor & high yields.	4-8" spacing, in full sun. Will not survive frost.	Clip stem above any set of leaves. Clip off any flowers, to encourage leaf production.	a
	rosie basil	Dark purple, 3" leaves. Great flavor, compact plant, and high yields.	(see above)	(see above)	(see above)
	pistou basil	Miniature variety, great for containers. Grows in rounded, bush shape. True basil flavor flavor - good garnish.	4" spacing, in full sun. Will not survive frost.	"	"
	Thai basil	12-18" plant with 2" green leaves and purple stems. Sweet, anise-like flavor for Thai food.	4-8" spacing, in full sun. Will not survive frost.	"	"
	catnip	Plant prefers rich or sandy soils. May grow to 4 feet tall. Good addition to teas.	15-18" spacing in full sun.	"	p will reseed
	chives	12-24" plant with tubular leaves. Delicate onion flavor.	4-8" spacing, in sun or part shade. Grow in well-drained soil. Divide clumps every few years. Cut back after bloom.	Clip leaves as needed. Pink blooms are also edible.	p
	garlic chives	15-18" plant with flat leaves. Delicate garlic flavor.	6-8" spacing, in sun or part shade. Divide clumps every few years. Cut back after bloom.	Clip leaves as needed. White blooms are also edible.	p
	cilantro	12-18" plant. Leaves are called <i>cilantro</i> , seeds are called <i>corriander</i> .	2-4" spacing. Plants go to seed quickly in hot weather. If allowed to flower and go to seed, may reseed.	Clip leaves as needed, near base of plant. Wait until seeds dry to harvest.	a (may reseed)
	bouquet dill	38-42" plant. Good production of seeds & leaves.	2-4" spacing. Plant in direct sun in well-drained, moderately rich soil.	Clip fern-like leaves before plant develops seed head. Harvest seeds when dry.	a usually reseeds
	fernleaf dill	Dwarf plant, 26-32". Very slow to develop seeds.	2-4" spacing. Plant in direct sun in well-drained, moderately rich soil.	Clip fern-like leaves before plant develops seed head. Harvest seeds when dry.	a usually reseeds
	English lavender	12-30" plant. Compact, bushy habit with bloom color range from blue to violet. Winter-hardy.	12-18" spacing. Plant in direct sun in sandy, well-drained, alkaline soil.	Clip flower stalk when color has developed. Pick in the morning, so flowers hold their scent.	p
	lemon balm	18-26," spreading plant. Strong lemon scent for tea.	12" spacing. Plant in direct sun, in fertile, well-drained soil. Spreads readily, and may take over a space.	Clip leaves as needed. Cutting above sets of leaves will encourage branching.	p
	sweet marjoram	8-24" plant. Similar to oregano, with milder, sweeter flavor.	6-8" spacing. Plant in direct sun, in well-drained, dry soil.	Clip stems as needed, after they reach 4-6."	p



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<b>(herbs)</b>	chocolate peppermint	18-36" plant. Peppermint variety that really tastes like chocolate! Great for garnishes.	12-18" spacing. Plant in moist soil in full sun to partial shade. Can be invasive; plant in bottomless sunken pot.	Clip stems as needed. Cuttin above sets of leaves will encourage branching.	p
	spearmint	18-36" plant. Great for tea.	(see above)	(see above)	p
	Greek oregano	8-24" plant. True oregano with full aroma and flavor.	12" spacing. Plant in sunny location, in light, well-drained soil. Do not overfeed.	Harvest when beginning to flower. Clip stems as needed.	p
	darki triple curled parsley	16-18" plant. Double and triple curled leaves. Good flavor, tolerates heat well.	12-18" spacing. Plant in direct sun, in rich soil with plenty of moisture. Replant yearly for best flavor.	Clip oldest, outer leaves at base of stem, allowing center leaves to grow.	biennial
	Italian flat-leaf parsley	12" plant. Upright, productive variety. Good flavor.	(see above)	(see above)	biennial
	rosemary	18-60" upright plant. Pine-scented, resinous leaves.	8-24" spacing. Plant in direct sun, in well-drained, fertile soil. Bring inside for winter.	Clip stems selectively as if "pruning," allowing plant to grow between cuttings.	a (p if inside)
	broadleaf sage	16-30" plant. Fuzzy, grey, oval leaves on shrub-like plant. Blue blooms in early summer.	12" spacing. Plant in direct sun or partial shade, in well-drained, rich soil. Replant every 3 years.	(see above)	p
	French tarragon	24" plant. Thin, vining stems with delicate oval leaves. Anise flavor.	18" spacing. Prefers rich, sandy, well-drained soil. Divide every 3-4 years.	Clip leaves as needed, lightly the first year.	p
	creeping thyme	2" ground cover can handle light foot traffic. Edible leaves and light purple flowers.	6-8" spacing. Plant in sun or part shade. Likes good drainage.	Clip stems as needed.	p
	German winter thyme	6-12" compact plant. Good flavor and yield, very winter hardy.	(see above)	(see above)	p
	lemon verbena	12-24" shrub-like plant. Leaves have strong lemon aroma and flavor.	12-16" spacing. Plant in sun, in rich, well-drained soil. Bring inside for winter - may drop leaves during winter dormancy.	Clip stems as needed or pinch tips to encourage branching.	a (p if inside)
<b>kale</b>	winterbor	24-36" plant with curly blue-green leaves. Hardy to very cold temperatures.	8" spacing. Full sun. Prefers well-drained, rich soil.	Clip oldest, largest leaves at base of stem. Flavor sweetens and improves after frost.	a
<b>leeks</b>	king richard	16-24" non-bulbing onion type plant. Green leaves with white stalk, milder than onions.	Prefers full sun and rich soil. Dig 4" deep trench and set leeks in bottom, covering roots. As plant grows, add soil to cover white stalk, eventually "hilling" soil around plants.	Anytime after stalks reach 1/2" across. Pull plant and trim off roots. Harvest all by the end of October.	a



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<b>onions</b>	candy	Slightly flattened, yellow onion - 110 days to maturity. Sweet and mild.	Plant 4" apart in fertile soil in full sun. Will not tolerate heavy, slow to drain soils.	Harvest for fresh use when onions reach desired size. To cure, pull when tops have fallen over and skins begin to dry. Let sit in sun for 1 week.	a
<b>peppers, hot</b>	tiburón ancho poblano	Large, sturdy, productive pepper plant. Shiny, dark green, spicy peppers.	12-18" apart in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun. Do not fertilize with Nitrogen sources, which decrease production.	Clip stem that attaches to pepper, when fruit reaches desired size.	a
	cayenne	Long, thin, red tapered fruits. Prolific and hot.	(see above)	(see above)	(see above)
	maya habanero	Also called "Scotch Bonnet." The hottest pepper we grow. 3-4" glossy peppers turn from turn from orange to red.	"	"	"
	jalapeno	Heavy yielding plant with shiny dark green peppers. Spicy with distinct jalapeno flavor.	"	"	"
	thai hot	Bushy plant that produces copious amounts of miniature red hot peppers.	"	"	"
<b>peppers, sweet</b>	bounty sweet banana	Long tapered fruits that turn from yellow to orange to red. Extremely productive.	"	"	"
	carmen	Horn-shaped, deep red sweet pepper. Early, productive, and delicious.	"	"	"
	gourmet orange	Medium-sized, blocky bell peppers. Thick, juicy, and sweet. Good production.	"	"	"
	new ace	Medium-sized, 3-4 lobed peppers turn from green to red. Great production.	"	"	"
	flavorburst	Medium-sized, 3-lobed peppers turn from lime green to yellow. Excellent sweet flavor.	"	"	"
	sweet chocolate	Dark, shiny bells ripen to rich chocolate brown. Very productive.	"	"	"



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<b>strawberries</b>	sarian	Dark green, compact plants produce small to medium deliciously sweet berries.	12-18" spacing in rich, well-drained soil. Full sun to partial shade. Water & weed well. Mulch with straw in fall.	Pick fruits when fully deep red, holding gently to avoid damage. Will produce from midsummer to frost.	p
<b>sweet potatoes</b>	twila	Sprawling dark green vines. Productive producer of pink-skinned, orange tubers.	12-18" spacing, with 3-4 ft between row. Vines can grow up to 10' long. Plant in loamy, rich soil, but don't feed them much after that.	Dig when leaves have begun to yellow, or after first frost. Handle tubers gently and they will store longer.	a
<b>tomatillos</b>	verde puebla	Extremely productive Mexican husked tomato. Main ingredient for "salsa verde."	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	When tomatillos fill their husks, pick before they turn yellow. Tomatillos should be firm and lime green. Use raw, grill, or roast.	a
<b>tomatoes, cherry</b>	black cherry	Juicy, smoky-flavored, purple cherry tomatoes. Moderate production.	(see above)	When tomatoes fully turn desired color, and are slightly soft to the touch, pull or clip from the plant. Store tomatoes at room temperature.	a
	juliet	Sweet, red, oval grape tomatoes fill the vines in clusters. Very productive.	"	(see above)	(see above)
	snow white cherry	Ivory cherry tomato with a clean, sweet, fresh flavor. Moderate production.	"	"	"
	sunsugar	Bright orange, super-sweet, slow-to-crack fruit. Like candy! Heavy production.	"	"	"
	sweet olive	Sweet red grape tomato. Small plant, can grow in a large container.	Determinate variety - will produce its concentrated fruit set early. May not need staking.	"	"
	sweetie	Very sweet, bright red cherry tomato. Vigorous, reliable production.	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	"	"
	tiny tim	Tiny plants can fit in pots as small as 6". Good production of red cherry tomatoes.	Determinate variety - will produce its concentrated fruit set early. Does not need staking.	"	"
<b>tomatoes, green when ripe</b>	aunt ruby's german green	Sweet, rich-flavored, large fruit. Develops light pink blush on bottom when ripe. Heirloom.	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	"	"



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<b>(tomatoes, green when ripe)</b>	green zebra	Medium-size fruit. Green with yellow stripes. True tomato flavor - sweet and tangy. Heirloom.	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	When tomatoes fully turn desired color, and are slightly soft to the touch, pull or clip from the plant. Store tomatoes at room temperature.	a
	<b>tomatoes, orange</b>	dad's sunset	Medium-large and uniform, smooth fruit. Great taste. Heirloom.	(see above)	a
<b>tomatoes, pink</b>	brandywine	Large, often 1-pound fruits with sweet, winy flavor & thin skins. Heirloom.	"	"	"
<b>tomatoes, purple</b>	cherokee purple	Dusky purple, medium-large fruit with green shoulders. Smoky flavor. Heirloom.	"	"	"
<b>tomatoes, red</b>	amish paste	Large, meaty, heart-shaped paste. Few seeds, little juice, great flavor for fresh eating, too.. Heirloom.	"	"	"
	big beef	Large beefsteak-type. Smooth round shape; good, rich flavor. Excellent production. Hybrid.	"	"	"
	cosmonaut volkov	Medium-large slightly flattened globes, true tomato flavor. Very dependable. Heirloom.	"	"	"
	early girl	Early, medium-small round red tomatoes. Good flavor, dependable production. Hybrid.	"	"	"
	italian sweet	Extra-large, juicy and sweet beefsteak. Heirloom.	"	"	"
	mountain princess	Productive variety with early tomatoes. Small to medium mild fruits.	Determinate variety - will produce its concentrated fruit set early. May not need staking.	"	"
	oregon spring	Short plant bears medium-small, sweet, juicy, almost seedless, early fruit.	(see above)	"	"
	patio	Dwarf variety, great for containers (at least 12"). Prolific & tasty medium size round tomatoes.	Plant in fresh potting soil with compost added for fertilization. May need a small stake for support.	"	"
	roma	Plum tomato. Heavy yielding & meaty, good for paste and sauces.	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	"	"



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<b>(tomatoes, red)</b>	san marzano	Medium-size, oblong fruits great for sauces, canning, paste or puree. Heirloom.	24-36" spacing, in moderately fertile soil. Stake or cage to support vines and make picking easier. Do not overfertilize.	When tomatoes fully turn desired color, and are slightly soft to the touch, pull or clip from the plant. Store tomatoes at room temperature.	a
<b>tomatoes, yellow</b>	garden peach	Small pale yellow fruits with slightly fuzzy skin. Blush pink when ripe. Productive. Heirloom	(see above)	(see above)	(see above)
	pineapple	Extra large, deep yellow fruits with red striping. Fruity, sweet flavor. Dependable. Heirloom.	"	"	"
<b>watermelon</b>	sugar baby	Short-vined variety. 6-12 lb dark green, round melons. Red flesh is sweet & juicy.	Plant in full sun, deep rich soil. Very sensitive to frost. Water well when young.	When leaf closest to fruit dries and dies back.	a
<b>zucchini</b>	spineless beauty	Bushlike growing habit, with no spines. 7"x1.5" dark green zucchini.	18" spacing in fertile, well-drained soil. Full sun.	When zucchini reach desired size, slice from plant with knife, taking care not to cut plant.	a