



Garden Tips: Crop Varieties for City Growing

Over the years on our Grow Pittsburgh production sites, we've been trialing seed varieties and learning what crop varieties work especially well in Pittsburgh. In the city, we're particularly looking for crops that can handle more extreme weather conditions (think heat radiating from sidewalks and streets and wind tunnels). We look for root vegetables that can handle compacted soils or raised beds. Varieties that are very productive help us to reap a harvest even if we lose some to insect or animal pests. We've also found varieties that can stand up to pest and disease pressure, and keep producing. And of course, we look for the tastiest varieties we can find!

The list we're sharing with you today is compiled from our community gardens and production sites, and represents varieties we've grown in the past, and plan to grow in the 2013 season. We hope you're able to glean at least a couple of good varieties from our experiences. We'll continue updating the list every year, to include new varieties that we trial and love, and we'll continue to share that information with you all!

***F=Fedco Seeds, J=Johnny's Selected Seeds, HM=High Mowing Seeds, TG=Tomato Growers Supply**

Crop List: <http://www.growpittsburgh.org/wp-content/uploads//2013-Crop-Variety-List.pdf>