

Green Thumb Nursery

Caring for Herbs and Vegetables

Fertilize every 4 to 5 weeks during the growing season with Sunniland 6-6-6 fertilizer.

The frequency of watering depends on the age of the crop and the soil type. Young plants need frequent but light irrigation while maturing crops need more water but less often. Some things you can do to reduce pesticide use would be to start your vegetable garden as early as possible in the spring and as late in the fall as safely possible. Control weeds in and around the garden since they can be a source of insects and disease. Keep plants growing vigorously and in good health by supplying appropriate amounts of water and fertilizer. Supplement monthly feeding with a water soluble fertilizer like **Fertilome Water**



Soluble Plant Food 20-20-20. Monitor the garden twice weekly for pests or disease. Remove any diseased leaves or plants to slow the spread.

If you use an insecticide or fungicide, follow label directions for measuring and mixing and pay attention to any “pre-harvest interval”. That’s the time elapsed between application of the product and harvest. Apply products late in the afternoon or early evening when bees and other pollinators are less active.

Most herbs will grow successfully with the same sunlight and soil, and with the same techniques used for vegetables. Seeds, leaves, flowering tops, and occasionally the roots of the herb are used for flavoring. Consider the location and care for some herbs that are sensitive to soil moisture. Sage, rosemary, and thyme prefer well drained, slightly moist soil while parsley and mint grow best in wetter soil. Some of the herbs, especially mint varieties, tend to grow vigorously and become a weed if grown without trimming.

If you notice any changes to the health of your plants bring in a sample for us to look out. We have both organic and synthetic insecticides and fungicides.



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