

Garden Bed Preparation



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Overview

- What you are growing / Areas of the yard
- Preparations
- Maintenance
- Resources



Where are you prepping

- Lawn
- Garden Beds
- Vegetable Beds
- Raised Beds / Containers

TOOLS

- Find and organize
- Clean and Sharpen Everything
- Try your mower / repair as needed
- Get FRESH gas



Established Lawns

- Does not need as much amending
 - Light coat of Compost
 - 25-0-0 fertilizer after second mow
- Needs higher nitrogen levels
- Pre-emergent?
- Light Scalp



New Lawns

- Seed or Sod
- Best time to amend
 - Heavy coat of Compost
 - Till it in
- Needs higher nitrogen levels
- Install sprinkler system



Established Garden Beds

- Needs higher levels across the board
 - MAY need much more amending
 - Medium coat of Compost
 - May need Expanded Shale
- Mulch Heavily
 - Organic material mulch



New Garden Beds

- Needs higher levels across the board
- MAY need much more amending
 - Medium coat of Compost
 - May need Expanded Shale
 - Till them in
- Mulch Heavily
 - Organic material mulch

Established Vegetable Beds

- Needs higher levels across the board
- Probably needs much more amending
 - Heavy coat of Compost
 - May need Expanded Shale, Perlite, or Vermiculite
- Mulch Heavily
 - Organic mulch

New Vegetable Beds

- Needs higher levels across the board
- PROBABLY needs much more amending
 - Heavy coat of Compost
 - May need Expanded Shale, Perlite, or Vermiculite
 - Till them in

New Vegetable Beds



New Vegetable Beds



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New Vegetable Beds



Containers

- Needs higher levels across the board
 - All nutrients are provided through fertilizer
- MAY need much more amending
 - Medium coat of Compost
 - May need Expanded Shale, Perlite, or Vermiculite
- Mulch as able
 - Organic material mulch

Containers

- Can use gravel in the base
- May use water dishes
- May use rolling bases
- Mulch as able
 - Organic material mulch



QUESTIONS?

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