

FERTILIZING THE GARDEN

The amount of fertilizer to apply to a garden depends on the natural fertility of the soil, the amount of organic matter present, the type of fertilizer used, and the crop being grown. Vegetables fall into three main categories according to their fertilizer requirements: heavy feeders, medium feeders, and light feeders. It may be advantageous to group crops in the garden according to their fertilizer requirements to make application easier.

PLANTS GROUPED ACCORDING TO NUTRIENT NEEDS

Heavy Feeders		Light Feeders	
Asparagus	Lettuce	Carrot	Alfalfa
Beet	Okra	Garlic	Beans
Broccoli*	Parsley	Leek	Clover
Brussels sprouts*	Pepper	Mustard Greens	Peas
Cabbage*	Potato	Onion	Peanut
Cantaloupe*	Pumpkin*	Parsnip	Soybeans
Cauliflower	Radish	Rutabaga	
Celery	Rhubarb	Shallot	
Collard	Spinach	Sweet Potato	
Corn, Sweet*	Squash, Summer*	Swiss Chard	
Eggplant*	Strawberry		
Endive	Sunflower		
Kalle	Tomato*		
Kohlrabi	Watermelon*		

*Fertilize at least twice