



SQUARE FOOT GARDENING

Consider using square foot gardening in your beds. However, this is best for smaller plants.

Beans and peas should be trellised.

Normally tomatoes take more space than other crops. Optimally, plant them at each corner or in pots beside the planter box.

Do not plant pumpkins or squash in raised beds; they need large, sunny spaces to expand, so it's best that they are planted in a ground plot.

You can use push pins with balls of twine to mark the squares – this is a fun activity for children. To save time, consider thin slats of wood to mark the squares.



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Square foot gardening recommendations

Crop	Number of plants per square foot
Beans	8-9 (use a trellis)
Broccoli	4 per 9 squares
Cabbage	4 per 9 squares
Carrots	16
Cauliflower	4 per 9 squares
Corn	3
Cucumbers	2

Crop	Number of plants per square foot
Kale	1
Lettuce	4
Melons	1
Green onions	16
Peas	8 (use a trellis)
Peppers	1
Pumpkin	Not recommended
Spinach	9
Squash	Not recommended – usually needs 9 squares
Tomatoes	1 with stake or cage
Zucchini	* Not recommended – usually needs 9 squares

Sources: various sources on the internet

* a trick you can try for growing squash in one square: So you don't damage the roots, at seed/seedling planting, plant a 4' stake in the ground right next to your squash. When it gets long enough, tie the vine to the stake. As the squash grows and produces fruit, cut off all leaves between the fruit and the ground.