

HOW TO MAINTAIN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

- EXAMINE/INSPECT - look for bugs and disease, shake your plant, hand remove pests
- HAND POLLINATE SQUASH
- WATER IF NEEDED - use hose on bugs
- PRUNE/DEADHEAD/THINNING - cut, don't pull; work from bottom to top and outside to inside, clean scissors between tomatoes or other diseased plants
- LIGHT CLEANING - clean up dying leaves and any refuse on the surface of the soil, remove weeds - put into composter
- STAKE PLANTS - add supports, attach plants to support or gently guide through support
- PLANT - plant seeds or new seedlings for replacement or succession
- HARVEST - don't pull, cut. Check on root veggies to see if ready. Put harvest in shade or inside.
- FERTILIZER/AMEND - side dress with dry fertilizer every couple months, liquid fertilizer (foliar or root drench) every 1-2 weeks, check pH
- MULCH/COMPOST - cover bare roots and/or added fertilizer with compost or mulch. Check on your composter too!
- WATER again to moisten fertilizer if needed.
- REMEDY - if you are doing to spray or sprinkle remedies, do it now.
- COVER - install or reinstall your row cover.