

Vegetable Families

Common Name	Botanical Name	Characteristics	Members
Aster	<i>Asteraceae/Compositae</i>	Leafy crops that do best in cool conditions.	Lettuce, endive, chicory
Bean	<i>Fabaceae/Leguminosae</i>	Nitrogen-fixing crops that enrich the soil.	Pole beans, snap beans, table peas, sugar peas
Carrot	<i>Umbelliferae/Apiaceae</i>	Prefer cool weather and loose soil.	Carrots, Parsley, Dill, Parsnips, Fennel
Grass	<i>Poaceae</i>	Heavy feeder, likes lots of water, needs lots of space.	Corn
Lily	<i>Liliaceae</i>	Heavy feeder.	Asparagus
Mustard	<i>Brassicaceae/Cruciferae</i>	Heavy feeders, need protection from multiple insect problems.	Cabbage, broccoli, kale, radish, turnip, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower
Nightshade	<i>Solanaceae</i>	Heat-loving crops, subject to some fungal diseases.	Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, potatoes
Onion	<i>Amaryllis</i>	Light feeders, don't like competition from weeds.	Onion, garlic, leek, shallot, chives
Spinach	<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>	Leafy crops (usually) that prefer cool weather.	Beets, spinach, Swiss chard
Squash	<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	Need warm weather and lots of space, as well as protection from some insects. Do not like their roots disturbed.	Melons, summer squash, winter squash, cucumbers, pumpkins