



WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS

MAKING A GARDEN PLAN

Making a Garden Plan can be as simple or as detailed as you want. Working through the following topics will help you address most of what can come up as you garden together.

- 1) Go over your surveys.
- 2) Sketch the garden. Make several copies, so you can try different planting arrangements.
- 3) What do you want to grow?
- 4) Plot where to plant what--draw plants on your sketch. Consider companion planting.
- 5) Plan when to plant (cool-weather crops earlier, heat-loving ones later)
- 6) Think through the entire summer...
 - How will you handle the costs? Who pays for what?
 - Will you both be available consistently? Breaks for vacations?
 - Are there events or gatherings in the garden to be planned for?
 - How will you handle watering?
 - Preparing the plot: Does it need tilling? Soil amendments?
 - Who will do the planting, maintenance and weeding?
 - How about harvesting? How will you divide the harvest?
 - Will you work together to do any preserving of the crops?
 - Final garden cleanup, and putting the garden to bed for the winter.

You can write these plans into your Garden Agreement, draft a separate Garden Plan, or use a calendar. We do suggest writing them down, so you're both clear about what's planned and who's responsible for what.