

Garden Planning Checklist

- Your soil has been tilled and amended as necessary and is soft and ready to work.
- Your beds and pathways are shaped.
- You have a garden plan so you know what to plant where.
- Your seeds and starts are ready.
- You have a way to water the plants once they are in the ground, and you have the labor to do it regularly.
- You have plans for 2 or 3 different planting dates. (This is to accommodate the weather, and because the variety of what you are going to plant will probably have a range of time in which it needs to go in the ground. For example, peas can go in the ground in March or April, whereas tomatoes can't go in until late May or June. To cover everything, you should have an early planting date in April, a middle one around the middle of May, and one at the end of May for the late stuff.)
- You have volunteers to help plant! Depending on the age of your students, you probably need one reasonably skilled or well informed adult for every 3 to 4 students.
- You have planting instructions for each of your volunteer helpers and you have gone over specific planting instructions with the kids.
- You have rain-proof labels so that you can find your plants again once they are in the ground.

OK. If you can answer yes to most of these questions, then you are ready to plant!!