

How “green” is your vegetable garden?

Try these simple techniques to make your garden more sustainable:



Recycle garden waste

...to build better soil

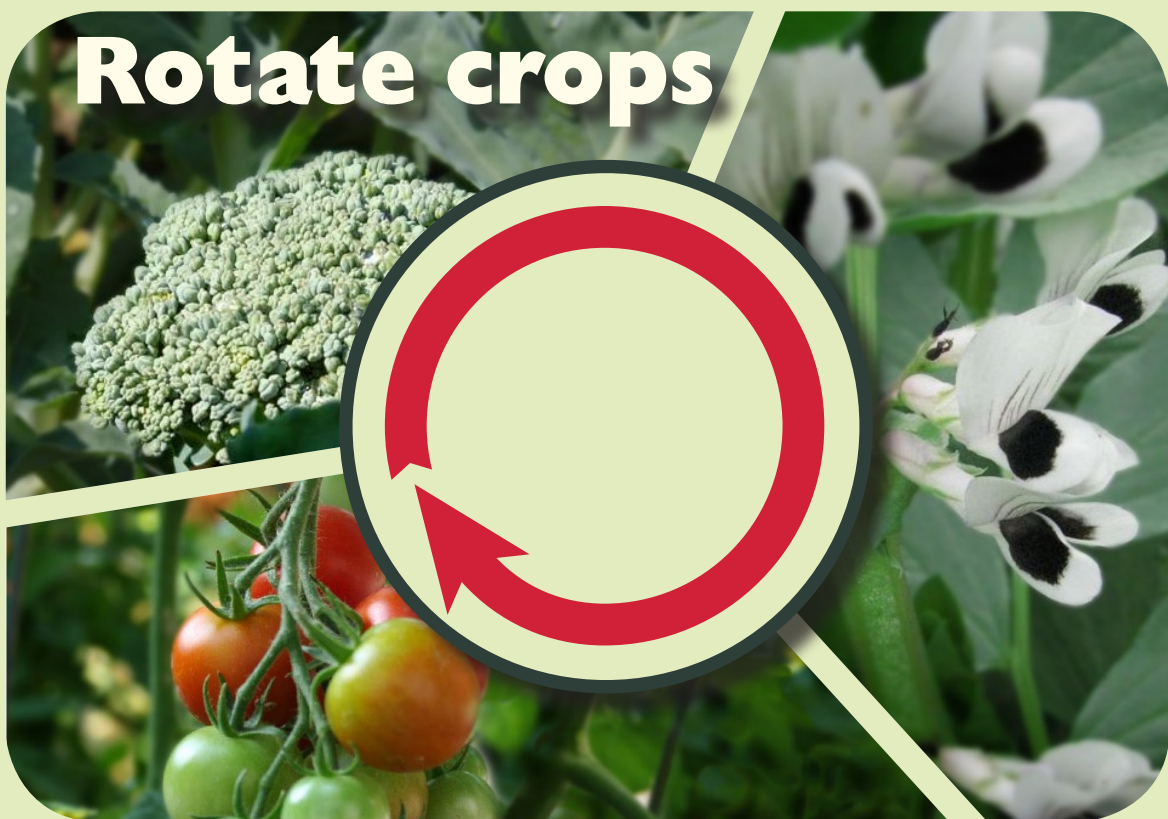
- Home composting reduces waste going to the landfill and generates compost, a great fertilizer and soil amendment for your vegetable garden.



Use drip systems

...to conserve water

- Drip irrigation applies water only where it's needed, so losses to evaporation and runoff are reduced. Keeping foliage dry also prevents the spread of fungal diseases.



Rotate crops

...to discourage pests and diseases

- When the same crop is grown repeatedly in the same soil, diseases and pests accumulate. Alternating between root crops, leafy crops, fruiting crops, and legumes can prevent this problem.



Attract beneficial insects

...to control pests naturally

- Plant nectar and pollen providing insectary plants to attract beneficial insects that can help control insect pests.