

## **Planting a Thanksgiving Garden**

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It is time to get those gardens ready for fall planting! Your first chore is to rejuvenate the soil. To do this, simply combine lava sand, soft phosphate and Texas greensand (The combined weight of the end product should be about 20 pounds.) and apply it to your soil. Next, mix 6 inches of compost about 12 inches into the soil, then spray the soil with 1 cup of molasses for every 100 square feet. All this preparation will get the microbes active and help stimulate growth.

Once your soil is ready to go, it's time to start planting. I start with corn (Hint: For complete pollination, use at least a 10-foot-by-10-foot area.), then add eggplant, squash, beans, melons, okra and pumpkins (for Halloween). If you're really brave, plant seeds for early-season tomatoes, like Early Girls, in small containers. They'll be ready to transplant when they get 2 to 3 feet tall.

Remember to fertilize often and, once established, keep your plants moist.