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Fall Vegetable Gardening: Preparing

Today on Gardening in a Minute: fall vegetable gardening.

In Florida, fall is an excellent time to start a vegetable garden. Vegetables to plant in October include broccoli, lettuce, carrots, Brussels sprouts, and radishes.

If you are planting in an area you used for spring and summer crops, be careful to remove all dead or diseased plant material, including roots. Then turn the soil to expose any remaining roots to sunlight.

Till the soil heavily a few weeks before planting. Add organic matter, such as cow manure or compost. You may also want to add fertilizer.

Make sure your garden gets six hours of full sun during the middle of the day, and that it is close to a water supply.

Plan your garden carefully, and in a few months you will be rewarded with delicious vegetables!

For more information on vegetable gardening, contact your local Extension office or visit gardening in a minute dot com.

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