Fertilizing Your Vegetable Garden

Today on Gardening in a Minute: fertilizing your vegetable garden.

Vegetable garden success begins with soil preparation and continues with quality care.

Your garden will need nutrients. Composted manures and fertilizers labeled for general use or vegetables can be used to supply these nutrients.

There are many fertilizing techniques. Some gardeners put fertilizer in the bottom of their rows under a layer of soil before planting.

Others spread fertilizer in small trenches dug on either side of planted rows. Just make sure that tender roots are not in direct contact with the fertilizer.

You can also scatter fertilizer over the entire garden area, either by hand or with a spreader. Avoid depositing fertilizer on young plants as it may “burn” foliage.

Fertilizer should be applied to the garden just before planting and then regularly throughout the season.

For more information about fertilizer, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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