Maintaining the Vegetable Garden

Today on Gardening in a Minute: maintaining the vegetable garden.

Once you’ve established your vegetable seeds and transplants in the garden, your work isn’t done! Vegetable gardens require regular maintenance.

Even if your garden is mulched, some weeds will always grow. Check often for weeds, and pull them as you see them.

Inspect your garden every day or two for pests, including the undersides of the leaves and on stems. Hand-pull and crush any critters you find, or use a gentle horticultural soap.

Stake tall or vining plants to provide support and conserve space.

Groom the garden by removing unhealthy leaves, or if needed, entire plants. You can fill in the empty spaces throughout the season with fresh seeds and transplants.

And of course, don't forget to water and fertilize so that your garden will continue to provide a bountiful harvest!

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

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