



THINK AHEAD!

COMPANION PLANTING

Garden pests are the worst! Learn which plants repel pests or even enhance the taste of certain crops.

THROUGH THE GROWING SEASON THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT PEST PRESSURES, ABOVE AND BELOW THE SOIL.



THERE ARE MANY BENEFICIAL INSECTS OTHER THAN POLLINATORS THAT ARE WORTH ATTRACTING TO YOUR GARDEN.



PLANTS THAT ARE SAID TO REPEL PEST INSECTS NEED TO BE PLANTED QUITE CLOSE TO THE CROPS THEY ARE MEANT TO PROTECT. BUT PLANTS LIKE DILL, THAT ARE GENERALLY ATTRACTIVE TO PREDATORY INSECTS, CAN BE PLANTED ANYWHERE IN THE GARDEN.

Some Examples

SUNFLOWERS

Use sunflowers as beacons to attract pollinators to other crops, particularly squash and pumpkins, and any other crop that requires insect pollination. Sunflowers are attractive to a host of wild and domestic bees, and also ladybird beetles, which prey on aphids.

ROSEMARY

Rosemary – Rosemary is a good companion for beans, Brassicas, and carrots. Rosemary repels cabbage moths, Mexican bean beetles, and carrot rust flies.

NASTURTIUMS

These plants make a good trap crop for aphids, and they deter whiteflies, cucumber beetles, squash beetles, Colorado potato beetles, and Mexican bean beetles. It is a good companion for Brassicas, cucumbers, melons, radishes, and tomatoes. Because they grow close to the ground, nasturtiums provide good cover for ground beetles and spiders. The flowers attract a variety of pollinators, and is good for the bees.

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