



Choosing Wrong Plant for Area

- Don't pick vegetable varieties not suitable for your area.
- Do use varieties recommended : <http://www.ccmgtx.org/gardening-resources/>

Wrong Plant



Rhubarb is best grown in Northern States and requires acidic soil.



Planting in Inadequate Sunlight

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- Don't plant a vegetable garden where it receives inadequate sunlight.
- Do plant where plants receive 6- 8 hours of sunlight



Not Under Trees



20ft From Fences

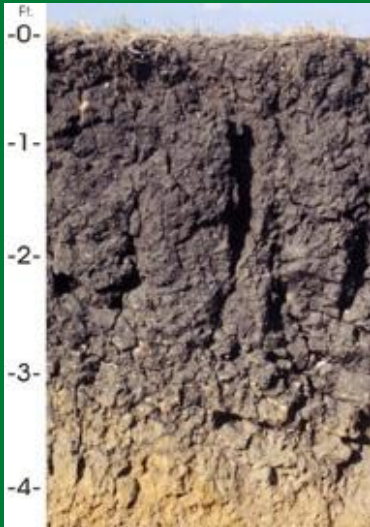


Avoid shading small plants with large ones



Improper Soil Preparation

- Not doing a soil test; soil may be infertile
- Not amending the soil



Houston Black Clay

- Houston Black Clay is strongly alkaline pH > 7.5
- These soils shrink and swell markedly with changes in moisture

Do Amend Soil With



Expanded Shale



Compost



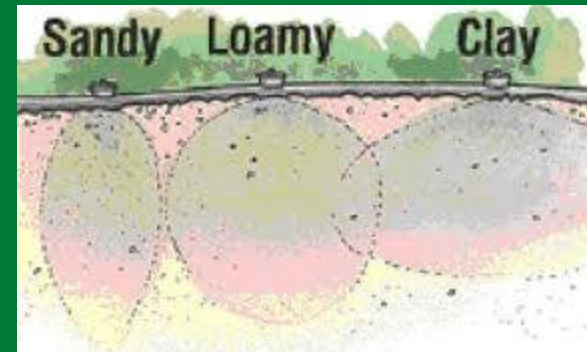
Improper Watering

- Don't use sprinkling systems on vegetables
- Don't water shallowly



Fosters Disease and Evaporation

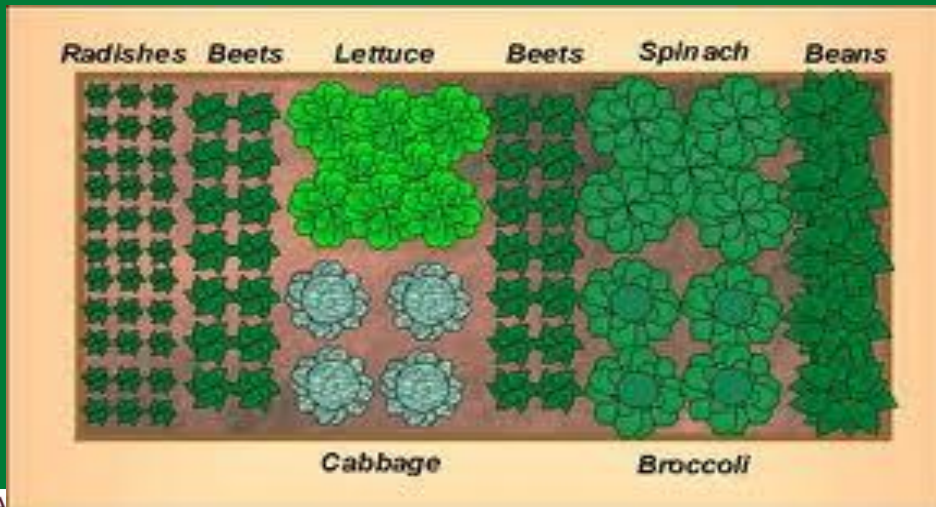
**Do Use Drip Irrigation.
Water slowly and deeply**





Poor Planning and Design

- Poor site location
- Wrong size (too large or small) for vegetables needed and time available
- Inadequate spacing between rows
- Not accessible to water
- Planted at wrong season for success

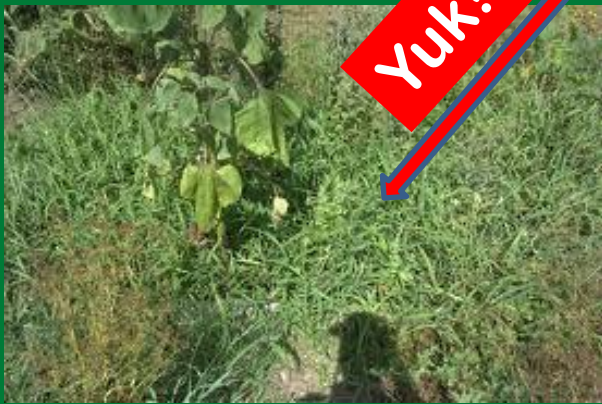


- Do layout your garden.
- Plant tall crops on north side so they do not shade small plants
- Determine planting dates

Poor Pest and Weed Prevention

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- Allowing weeds to grow before cultivation
- Poor pest prevention and misuse of pesticides



- Use Integrated Pest Management
 - Cultural Control
 - Biological Control
 - Mechanical Control
 - Chemical as last resort
- Use chemical per labeled use

Do cultivate early.
Weeds are easily removed when first appear



Inadequate Spacing and Thinning

- Plants are too close together
- Seedlings are not thinned
- Inadequate spacing between rows



**Sow bountifully
Thin to correct spacing**



**Leave space for walking
and maintenance**



Neglecting to Mulch Properly

- Don't expose plants to undue moisture evaporation and heat
- Don't allow weed growth by neglecting mulch
- Do use proper mulch material -

- Do use wheat straw--do not use "hay" or "grass clippings" that will grow later.
- Do use organic material that decomposes rapidly

