

Tompkins County	Tompkins County
This set of seeds includes some of these warm-weather	This set of seeds includes some of these warm-weather
plants that need to grow in full sun and when	plants that need to grow in full sun and when
nighttime temps are reliably above 50° F.	nighttime temps are reliably above 50° F.
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Master Gardeners at growline1@gmail.com or 607-	Master Gardeners at growline1@gmail.com or 607-
272-2292 x 161. Visit www.ccetompkins.org/gardening	272-2292 x 161. Visit www.ccetompkins.org/gardening
Summer Squash or Zucchini – prolific plants that need	Summer Squash or Zucchini – prolific plants that need
at least a 3' space. Pick when fruits are under 8" long	at least a 3' space. Pick when fruits are under 8" long
for best flavor. Plant near pollinator-favorite flowers	for best flavor. Plant near pollinator-favorite flowers
for better production. Quick growing – plant every	for better production. Quick growing – plant every
couple of weeks until July 4 th for continuous veggies.	couple of weeks until July 4 th for continuous veggies.
Winter Squash – These vines need room to roam, lots	Winter Squash – These vines need room to roam, lots
of sun, and months to make perfect winter squash or	of sun, and months to make perfect winter squash or
pumpkin. Stores for many months when well-cured.	pumpkin. Stores for many months when well-cured.
Beans – Pick when slender for most tender green	Beans – Pick when slender for most tender green
beans, when full but not bulging for typical green	beans, when full but not bulging for typical green
beans, or let dry on the vine and store as dry beans.	beans, or let dry on the vine and store as dry beans.
Pick frequently for more production – once beans	Pick frequently for more production – once beans
plump and start to dry the plant stops producing. Pole	plump and start to dry the plant stops producing. Pole
beans need a support to grow tall. Bush beans ripen	beans need a support to grow tall. Bush beans ripen
earlier and stay under 2' tall.	earlier and stay under 2' tall.
Flowers – In a veggie garden?!? Flowers attract the	Flowers – In a veggie garden?!? Flowers attract the
pollinators that are necessary to make your veggies	pollinators that are necessary to make your veggies
develop. Some even repel harmful insects.	develop. Some even repel harmful insects.
These seeds can handle cool or warm weather:	These seeds can handle cool or warm weather:
Purple Orach – Spinach stops growing in the warmth of	Purple Orach – Spinach stops growing in the warmth of
mid-summer, but orach tastes like spinach, takes the	mid-summer, but orach tastes like spinach, takes the
heat, and is a brilliant purple. Harvest early as a	heat, and is a brilliant purple. Harvest early as a
microgreen. Pick young leaves for baby greens.	microgreen. Pick young leaves for baby greens.
Lettuce or Arugula – Harvest early as microgreen. Wait	Lettuce or Arugula – Harvest early as microgreen. Wait
4 weeks and harvest the outermost leaves regularly for	4 weeks and harvest the outermost leaves regularly for
"cut-and-come-again" style salad harvesting. Wait 8	"cut-and-come-again" style salad harvesting. Wait 8
weeks and harvest a full head. Pick before a central	weeks and harvest a full head. Pick before a central
stalk starts to form (bolting).	stalk starts to form (bolting).
Turnips – Pick when the size of a golf ball for baby	Turnips – Pick when the size of a golf ball for baby
veggies or wait 2 months for full-size 4" roots. This	veggies or wait 2 months for full-size 4" roots. This
humble root veggie comes into its own when roasted,	humble root veggie comes into its own when roasted,
plus the greens are delicious – pick baby greens,	plus the greens are delicious – pick baby greens,
leaving a few behind to help the root grow, and steam	leaving a few behind to help the root grow, and steam
older greens. Plant new seeds every two weeks for	older greens. Plant new seeds every two weeks for
continuous harvest. Space 4" apart.	continuous harvest. Space 4" apart.
Beets – Plant 4" apart. Harvest the shoots early as a	Beets – Plant 4" apart. Harvest the shoots early as a
microgreen. Harvest about 1/3 of the leaves when 6"	microgreen. Harvest about 1/3 of the leaves when 6"
or taller for cooking greens. Wait about 8 weeks and	or taller for cooking greens. Wait about 8 weeks and
harvest a beautiful beet and more cooking greens.	harvest a beautiful beet and more cooking greens.

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