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School Garden Tips: July



- **Garden Maintenance:** As temperatures climb, be sure that your veggies are getting enough water. Water the soil early in the day, and avoid getting leaves of the plant wet. Remove bean and pea plants as they stop producing, add an inch of compost, and immediately plant another round of seeds. Keep up with ripening fruits like strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries. Give fruit trees a deep watering, then fertilize (if available).

- **Planting Guide:** Pinch out the tomato side shoots that appear in the “v” between leaf stems and the main stem. Wind, or tie, them onto a trellis or fence, if available.
- **Seeds:** Beets, Carrots, Parsnips, Radish, Bush and Pole Beans, Winter Squash, Collards, Mustards, Basil, Tomatillos, Early corn, Parsley
- **Plants:** Celery, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage
- **Pest & Disease Alert:** Turn over leaves and check for [scale](#), [tomato hornworms](#), and [cabbage looper](#). Protect tender seedlings from birds and squirrels with a floating row cover or mesh. Check tomatoes for [blight](#) and remove infected leaves, or whole plants, to stop spread. [Try the UC IPM's Plant Problem Diagnostic Tool](#).

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