

Veg Planning

How to Space Plants out in Beds

Each type of vegetable needs a particular amount of space in the garden to be able to grow healthily and to its full size. Vegetables are generally grown in rows. These rows need to be a certain distance apart for each type of vegetable and the plants within the rows also need to be spaced a certain distance apart – usually closer together than the spacing of the rows.

The spacings below are given as a guide. Always refer to the seed packet, which may offer a different spacing for your variety. Narrower spacings will produce smaller plants and wider spacings larger plants.

<i>ROOT VEG+ ONION</i>	<i>ROW SPACING</i>	<i>PLANT SPACING WITHIN ROW</i>
Beetroot	20cm	10cm
Carrot	20cm	8cm
Parsnip	20cm	10cm
Onions	30cm	8cm
Garlic	30cm	15cm
Leeks	35cm	20cm
Shallots	40cm	45cm
<i>BRASSICAS + LETTUCE</i>		
Broccoli	60cm	60cm
Cabbage	30-45cm	30-45cm
Kale	45cm	45cm
Sprouts	60cm	60cm
Cauliflowers	60cm	60cm
Lettuce	20cm (small) 40cm (large)	20cm (small) 40cm (large)
<i>POTATOES</i>		
First early potatoes	45cm	35cm
Second early potatoes	70cm	40cm
Maincrop potatoes	70cm	40cm
<i>LEGUMES</i>		
Dwarf green beans	15cm	15cm
Broad beans	In sets of 2 rows at a time, 20cm apart, with each set of 2 rows 60cm apart	20cm
Peas + mangetout	Rows height of plant apart – e.g. 80cm	8cm
Climbing beans	45-100cm or grow over wigwam	10cm
<i>TOMATOES AND CUCURBITS</i>		
Tomatoes	45-60cm as row or in wigwam	45-60cm
Courgettes + bush squash	90cm	90cm
Squash (trailing type, e.g. butternut)	150cm	150cm