

## **TRANSPLANTING/ STARTING SEEDS OUTSIDE**

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### **STARTING SEEDS OUTSIDE-DIRECT SEEDING**

Many seeds can be planted directly in the soil. Cool season crops in the spring and warm season crops about a week AFTER the last frost.

Plant seed in rich heavily composted soil. Either broadcast like for mesclun, plant in rows as indicated on seed package. Be sure to follow instructions as germination success is determined by depth planted.

For beans, use a legume inoculant to fix nitrogen in soil for future plants.

I try to plant the seeds next to a drip emitter.

I ALWAYS COVER **ALL** MY NEWLY PLANTED SEEDS WITH LIGHT WEIGHT ROW COVER in the summer. This really helps keep the birds way when they first sprout- yum-bean sprouts! You tack it down with rocks so it doesn't blow away. You can water through the row cover. After the plants are about 3 inches tall, the birds seem to loose interest in them and you can take off the row cover.

### **TRANSPLANTING OUTSIDE**

After hardening off, put transplants in holes that lots of compost has been added. Put mycorrhizal in bottom of hole, mushroom compost and yum yum mix. Mix soil up in bottom of hole.

Make wells around each plant to capture water.

For tomatoes and peppers, put them in wall of waters which act like little greenhouses and keeps them warm at night. You might be able to put them out 2-4 weeks early before the last freeze date depending on the weather.