

GARDENS FOR VICTORY

A WARTIME NECESSITY



Today's struggle is being won not only on the field of battle, but on the home front. Everywhere there is the cry for more food to feed our fighting men, our allies and ourselves and that is a job for the home front.

Victory gardens play a big part in winning the battle for food. In planning for a victory garden, here are some simple rules of good planting that will help assure success:

1. Select a sunny, level area, with good soil. If trees are near, plant only beyond the ends of the limbs because these measure the extent of the underground roots which suck fertility out of the soil.
2. Space plantings so as to have crops ripening all through the summer. This can be done by timing plantings of the same vegetables several weeks apart.
3. Prepare ground thoroughly, breaking up clods, working sod finely with a rake, removing stones and trash. Knock dirt off clumps of grass and throw them on compost pile to rot for fertilizer.
4. Fertilize well. Use ground that has come from rotted leaves,

or from the compost pile if you have one. Apply commercial fertilizer if the ground is not already rich. Fertilizer speeds up growth and if vegetables don't grow fast they become tough and tasteless.

5. Keep weeds down.
6. Be ready to fight insects with insecticides. Experienced neighbors can tell you when insects are most likely to arrive.
7. Utilize everything you grow. Don't let anything go to waste even if you have to give it away. Tomatoes should be canned at home in as great quantities as possible for they are rich in vitamins.
8. Always get the best advice you can. The department of agriculture has helpful bulletins. Neighbors who have gardened before can give valuable help with time tables and knowledge of the soil of the community.

Realizing the important part victory gardens can play in the welfare of this community and its contribution to the war effort, the firms listed below urge all who can possibly do so to grow victory gardens.

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