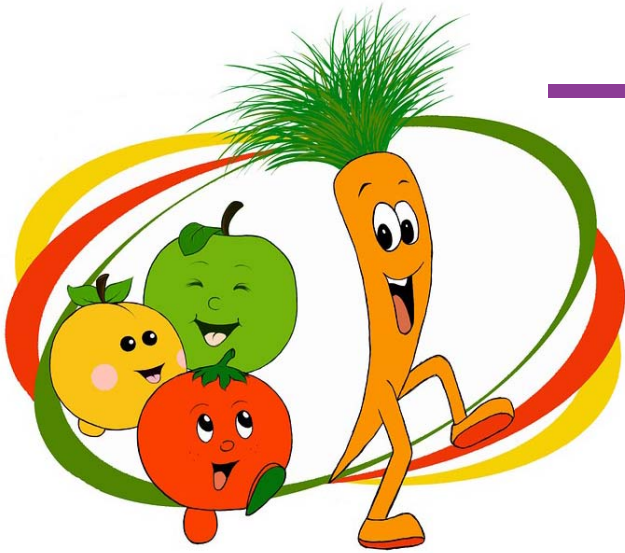


# FACT SHEET



## December *in your garden*

### *Time to Plant...*

Amaranth, Asparagus, Basil, Beans, Beetroot, Capsicum, Ceylon spinach, Chia, Chilli, Chives, Coriander, Cucumber, Eggplant, French tarragon, Ginger, Gourd, Lettuce, Marigold, Mustard greens, Okra, Oregano, Pumpkin, Radish, Rockmelon, Squash, Sunflower, Sweet corn, Sweet potato, Tomato, Turnip, Watermelon, Zucchini

- **A well-mulched garden** should cut down the need for watering everyday. Give your plants a good deep soaking every second day preferably in the morning or as required to form deeper and stronger root systems.
- **Liquid feed your garden** every two weeks with worm wee, seaweed or comfrey tea to promote healthy growth and deter insects.
- **Harvest your garlic as the leaves start to die down and turn yellow.**
- **Powdery mildew** may be invading your cucumbers, grapes and zucchinis. Make up a milk solution to spray on them. Mix one part milk to five parts water & spray plants at weekly intervals.
- **Plant a green manure** - Mung Beans and Sunflower are great during Spring-Summer. Broadcast direct into your garden and lightly cover seed by raking soil with 2cm coverage or lightly mulching. Turn green manure back into the soil just before flowering stage adding nitrogen and organic matter to your soil.
- **Deep rooting weeds** draw minerals and essential elements from deeper down in the soil layer and unavailable to other plants. Add these to your liquid fertilizer drum with other plant material such as nettle, comfrey and milk thistle. Allow leaves to breakdown by stirring every week. Strain a small amount of liquid into a watering can add water until it resembles a tea colour. Use on plants as required.