



## BioIntensive Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces

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### Pro Tips for Late Spring/Summer 2022

#### Succession Planting Tip

Between larger crops such as squash and melon plants, consider planting a quick-harvest crop like radishes, arugula, or cilantro to make the most of your available space. These short crops will finish up by the time the sprawling plants take over. You'll get 2 harvests in the space of one.

#### Tallest to Shortest

Plant your tallest crops to the north, and shortest to the south. This will prevent shading of shorter plants and will create a more efficient garden overall. For example: Peas on a trellis in the northern-most part of the bed, Swiss chard in front of that to the south, and lettuces or spinach furthest south. Then...

#### Use Pathways to Your Advantage

When growing squash this summer, plant seedlings at the south end of planters. They will naturally grow toward the sun (toward the south). Rather than take up precious space in your garden beds, the vines will sprawl into pathways and make a beautiful mess. You can still use the bulk of your planter beds to grow taller crops that don't sprawl.

For **Interplanting tricks** [read this blog post](#) and see [this post](#) on how to use sweet potatoes as a cover crop during the hot season.

#### Tomatoes and Black Light

Tomato hornworms are black light reactive. Get an inexpensive blacklight and take it out into your garden at night. Shine it on your tomato plants, and any hornworms will glow in the dark. You can more easily find and destroy them with this trick, rather than spending hours searching during the day.

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