

WEEK 2: WHAT, HOW, AND WHEN TO PLANT

Objectives

- Discuss the correct way to select and plant vegetables in 3 varieties of urban garden
- Describe the process and schedule for sowing plant varieties chosen by the student
- Demonstrate the correct way to plant radish seeds

Introduction

The class has already (hopefully) selected where they will be planting. This will narrow down the choices on what can be planted and how they will be able to tend to it.

Class Activities

Status report (10 minutes):

1. Have each student fill in their garden progress chart before coming to class. By now, they should have the “type”, “location”, and “growing style” portions of the chart filled.
2. Have a discussion about the spaces they have chosen for their garden and what they are considering planting. Ask how the gardens in the adventure compare with what they are planning. What would be helpful for them for the gardeners to discuss?

Research activity (15 minutes):

Have the class visit the following links for information about their garden:

What to plant in Austin?

<http://www.main.org/aog/plantcal.htm>

Information about how to plant different kinds of edible plants

<http://www.garden.org/foodguide/browse>

Discussion (10 minutes):

Discuss results. Prompt them about how this research has affected their choice in plants. Direct students with similar plants in mind with specific advice about proper procedures.

Soil Preparation and Demonstration (10 minutes):

1. Start by demonstrating proper techniques for preparing soil and planting using a pot of radishes.
2. Have the “pods” follow your instructions to plant their own radish seeds. Use this opportunity to go around the room and guide students.

Optional Meet-up this week – Local Nursery