Beginner Gardening Checklist

Kickstart your first vegetable garden with confidence using this checklist to make your garden a success.

Know your USDA hardiness zone and local frost dates.
Choose a sunny location that gets 6-8 hours of sunlight daily.
Start with easy vegetables like lettuce, radish, green beans, kale, cucumbers, or tomatoes.
Buy quality organic garden soil and compost.
Pick the right containers or raised beds for your space.
Make a garden plan: What to plant, where, and when.
Label your plants — you'll forget what you planted where!
Water in the morning — a deep watering till soil is saturated.
Use mulch to help retain moisture and prevent weeds.
Watch for pests early — and learn natural control methods.
Keep a garden journal to track what works (and what doesn't)
Don't forget to enjoy the process — it's okay to learn as you grow!

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