

# Gordon's Gilbert Garden Guide

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## Gardening Tips

- 1- Plants need 6 hours of direct sunlight for good results at harvest time.
- 2- Turn up soil 8" to 12" deep in preparation to planting.
- 3- Add 4 inches of manure, or fertilizer as instructions detail. Optionally add 4 inches of mulch this will help to control weeds.
- 4- Make rows at least 4" high and 6 to 12 inches wide flatten the top of the rows.
- 5- Soaking plant seeds in water overnight helps them to germinate faster.
- 6- Plant seeds on each side of the rows near the top. Stagger planting on either side of the rows for larger plants. Don't plant too deep. 1/4" to 1/2" depending on the seed size.
- 7- Firm the soil over the seeds by patting it with your hand.
- 8- Cover seeds with something (cloth, shad screen, newspapers, plastic, wood, etc.) in order to keep seeds shaded and moist till the y sprout.
- 9- Sprinkle with water daily until the seeds sprout. Don't over water. Soil should stay moist but not too wet as this will cause the roots to rot. Also don't let the soil dry out completely.
- 10- Thin the plants as needed. If the ground is moist enough most of the plants pulled when thinning can be planted in other rows.
- 11- Push the mulch up to the sides of the plants as they grow being careful not to cover the plants.
- 12- Some plants require some shading during the day and others require frost protection at night.
- 13- Continue to add mulch as the plants grow until harvest time.
- 14- Don't worry too much about the weeds if you still get some. Weeds are good for bringing up nutrients and breaking up hard soil.
- 15- If you pull the weeds keep them in the garden for green mulch.
- 16- Plant on schedule depending weather conditions.
- 17- Pots work great for small properties and apartments.

## Helpful Websites

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Home Horticulture [ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden](http://ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden)  
America in Bloom [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org)  
American Community Gardening Association [www.communitygarden.org/about.php](http://www.communitygarden.org/about.php)  
American Horticultural Society [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)  
Communities In Bloom [www.communitiesinbloom.ca/](http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/)  
Garden Club of America Garden [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org)  
The Garden Conservancy [www.gardenconservancy.org](http://www.gardenconservancy.org)  
Hobby Greenhouse Association [www.hobbygreenhouse.org](http://www.hobbygreenhouse.org)  
Master Gardeners [www.ahs.org/master\\_gardeners](http://www.ahs.org/master_gardeners)  
The National Arbor Day Foundation [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)  
National Gardening Association [www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org)  
National Garden Clubs [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)