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Beginner lessons for Companion Planting

Boost Your Garden with Companion Planting!

DEFINITION

> Companion planting is the practice of growing different plants together for mutual benefits. It enhances growth, repels pests, and improves flavor.

KEY CONCEPTS

Mutual Benefits

Certain plants can enhance each other's growth and health when planted together.

Pest Control

Some plants naturally repel pests, protecting their neighbors from infestations.

Soil Improvement

Certain plants, like legumes, can enrich the soil by fixing nitrogen.

Attracting Pollinators

Companion plants can attract beneficial insects that help pollinate and control pests.

Space Efficiency

Planting compatible species together can maximize space and yield in your garden.

EXAMPLES

→ Tomatoes and basil grow well together, enhancing flavor and repelling pests.

→ Marigolds can deter nematodes and attract pollinators when planted near vegetables.

→ Corn, beans, and squash form the 'Three Sisters' planting method for mutual support.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'Bugs Be Gone' for pest-repelling plants like marigolds.

★ Use 'NPK' to recall nitrogen-fixing plants like legumes for soil health.

★ Think 'Sisters' for the Three Sisters method: corn, beans, squash.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Planting incompatible species that compete for nutrients and space.

✗ Ignoring local climate and soil conditions when selecting companion plants.

✗ Overlooking the growth habits of plants, leading to shading or overcrowding.

QUICK RECAP

Companion planting is about growing plants together for mutual benefits like pest control and soil improvement. Remember to choose compatible plants and consider their growth habits for a thriving garden.