

SOME EDIBLE FRIENDS AND FOES

Some plants, like lettuce, celery, and peppers, have special friends but no real garden antagonists, which makes them easy to fit in just about anywhere. Others, like members of the onion and cabbage families, are a bit more choosy, and so require extra consideration as you figure out where to put them.

ARTICHOKES

FRIENDS: sunflowers, tarragon

ASPARAGUS

FRIENDS: basil, parsley, tomatoes

BEAN FAMILY

FRIENDS: beets (only to bush beans), cabbage (only to bush beans), carrots, celery, chard, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, marigolds, nasturtiums, radishes, rosemary, strawberries (only to bush beans), summer savory

FOES: beets (only to pole beans), garlic, onions

BEET FAMILY

FRIENDS: bush beans, cabbage, garlic, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions

FOE: pole beans

CABBAGE FAMILY (BROCCOLI, BRUSSELS SPROUTS, CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER, COLLARDS, KALE, KOHLRABI)

FRIENDS: beets, celery, chard, cucumbers, garlic, lettuce, mint, nasturtiums, onions, potatoes, rosemary, sage, spinach, thyme

FOES: pole beans, strawberries, tomatoes

CARROTS

FRIENDS: beans, chives, garlic, lettuce, marigolds, onions, peas, peppers, radishes, rosemary, sage, tomatoes

FOE: dill

CELERY

FRIENDS: beans, cabbage, cauliflower, nasturtiums, onions, spinach, tomatoes

CORN

FRIENDS: beans, cucumbers, melons, parsley, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, squash

FOE: tomatoes

CUCUMBERS

FRIENDS: beans, cabbage, corn, lettuce, marigolds, nasturtiums, onions, peas, radishes, tomatoes

FOES: potatoes, sage (and aromatic herbs in general)

EGGPLANT

FRIENDS: beans, marigolds, mint, peppers, spinach, thyme

LETTUCE

FRIENDS: beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, chives, cucumbers, dill, garlic, onions, radishes, strawberries

MELONS

FRIENDS: corn, marigolds, nasturtiums, oregano, pumpkins, radishes, squash

ONION FAMILY

FRIENDS: beets, cabbage, carrots, celery, chard, cucumbers, dill, lettuce, peppers, squash, strawberries, summer savory, tomatoes

FOES: beans, peas, sage

PEAS

FRIENDS: carrots, chives, corn, cucumbers, mint, radishes, turnips

FOES: garlic, onions

PEPPERS

FRIENDS: basil, carrots, eggplant, onions

POTATOES

FRIENDS: beans, corn, cabbage

FOES: squash, cucumbers, tomatoes

RADISHES

FRIENDS: beans, carrots, chervil, cucumbers, garlic, lettuce, melons, nasturtiums, peas, spinach, squash

FOE: hyssop

SQUASHES

FRIENDS: borage, corn, marigolds, melons, nasturtiums, onions, radishes

FOE: Irish potatoes

STRAWBERRIES AND OTHER BUSH BERRIES

FRIENDS: borage, bush beans, lettuce, onions, spinach, thyme

FOE: cabbage

TOMATOES

FRIENDS: asparagus, basil, borage, carrots, celery, cucumbers, onions, parsley

FOES: cabbage, corn, kohlrabi, mature dill, potatoes