# **Vegetables**

# **Root Vegetables**

- 1. Carrots (for greens):
  - Cut off the top, leaving about 1 inch of carrot
  - Place in a shallow dish with water or plant in soil
  - Harvest the edible greens that grow from the top
- 2. Potatoes:
  - Cut into pieces with at least one "eye" per piece
  - Allow the cut pieces to dry for a day or two
  - Plant in soil with the eye facing up, about 4 inches deep
- 3. Sweet potatoes:
  - Cut in half and suspend with toothpicks in a glass of water
  - Once sprouts appear (in about 2-3 weeks), remove and plant in soil
- 4. Ginger:
  - Choose a piece with a growth bud (small bumps on the surface)
  - Plant in soil with the bud facing up, about 1 inch deep
  - Keep soil moist but not waterlogged
- 5. Turmeric:
  - Use the same method as ginger
  - Plant rhizomes with visible buds in well-draining soil
- 6. Beets (for greens):
  - Cut off the top, leaving about 1 inch of beet
  - Place in water or soil to grow greens
  - Harvest the leaves as they grow
- 7. Turnips (for greens):
  - Use the same method as beets
  - Cut off the top and place in water or soil
- 8. Parsnips (for greens):
  - Follow the same method as beets and turnips
  - Place the cut top in water or soil to grow edible greens

## **Leafy Greens and Herbs**

- 1. Lettuce:
  - Cut off the bottom, leaving about 1 inch
  - Place in a shallow dish with water or plant in soil
  - New leaves will grow from the center
- 2. Bok chov:
  - Cut off the bottom, leaving about 1-2 inches
  - Place in water or soil to regrow
  - Change water every few days if using the water method
- 3. Celery:

- Cut off the bottom 2-3 inches
- Place in water or soil
- New growth will appear from the center

#### 4. Cabbage:

- Cut off the bottom, leaving about 2 inches
- Place in water or soil to regrow
- Change water regularly if using the water method

#### 5. Romaine lettuce:

- Cut off the bottom 2-3 inches
- Place in water or soil
- New leaves will grow from the center

#### 6. Spinach:

- Plant seeds directly into soil
- Keep soil moist and in a sunny location

#### 7. Basil:

- Cut a 4-inch stem below a leaf node
- Remove lower leaves and place in water until roots form
- Once roots are about 2 inches long, plant in soil

#### 8. Parsley:

- Use the same method as basil
- Cut a 4-inch stem and root in water before planting

### 9. Cilantro:

- Follow the same method as basil and parsley
- Alternatively, plant seeds directly in soil

#### 10. Dill:

- Use the same method as other herbs
- Root cuttings in water or plant seeds directly in soil

### 11. Mint:

- Cut a 4-inch stem and remove lower leaves
- Place in water until roots form, then plant in soil
- Be cautious as mint spreads quickly

### 12. Rosemary (from cuttings):

- Cut a 4-inch stem, remove lower leaves
- Place in water until roots form, then plant in soil
- Ensure good drainage as rosemary prefers drier conditions

#### 13. Thyme (from cuttings):

- Use the same method as rosemary
- Choose soft, new growth for best results

#### 14. Sage (from cuttings):

- Follow the same method as rosemary and thyme
- Use stem cuttings from new growth

#### 15. Oregano (from cuttings):

- Use the same method as other herb cuttings
- Root in water or plant directly in well-draining soil

## **Alliums**

- 1. Green onions (scallions):
  - Cut off the white root end, leaving about 1-2 inches
  - Place in water or soil, and new growth will appear in days
  - Change water every few days if using the water method
- 2. Garlic:
  - Plant individual cloves in soil, pointed end up
  - Leave the papery skin intact
  - Plant about 2 inches deep
- 3. Onions:
  - Cut off the root end, leaving about 1 inch
  - Plant in soil with the root end down
  - Keep soil moist but not waterlogged
- 4. Leeks:
  - Use the same method as green onions
  - Cut off the bottom with roots intact and plant in soil
- 5. Lemongrass:
  - Cut off the bottom 2-3 inches with roots intact
  - Plant in soil or place in water until roots strengthen
  - Transplant to soil once roots are established

# Fruiting Vegetables

- 1. Tomatoes (from seeds):
  - Remove seeds from a ripe tomato and dry them
  - Plant seeds in soil, keep moist and warm
  - Transplant seedlings to larger pots or garden when they're a few inches tall
- 2. Bell peppers (from seeds):
  - Plant seeds directly from a ripe pepper into soil
  - Keep soil warm and moist until germination
- 3. Cucumbers (from seeds):
  - Plant seeds from a ripe cucumber directly into soil
  - Provide support for vines as they grow
- 4. Pumpkin (from seeds):
  - Clean, dry, and plant seeds in soil
  - Ensure plenty of space as pumpkin vines spread widely
- 5. Avocado (from pit):
  - Clean the pit and insert toothpicks to suspend in water
  - Once roots form and stem reaches 6 inches, plant in soil
  - Be patient, as avocados can take years to produce fruit

# Other Vegetables

- 1. Mushrooms (from stems):
  - Bury mushroom stems in soil, keeping it moist and dark
  - This method works best for certain varieties like oyster mushrooms
- 2. Fennel:

- Cut off the base, leaving about 1 inch
- Place in water or soil to regrow
- Harvest new fronds as they grow

### **Fruits**

- 1. Pineapple (from crown):
  - Cut off the leafy top, remove some bottom leaves
  - Let it dry for a day or two, then plant in well-draining soil
  - Water sparingly and provide plenty of sunlight
- 2. Watermelon (from seeds):
  - Clean and dry seeds from a ripe watermelon
  - Plant in warm soil after the last frost
  - Provide ample space for vines to spread
- 3. Strawberries (from seeds):
  - Remove seeds from the surface of a strawberry
  - Dry them and plant in seed-starting soil
  - Keep soil moist and provide plenty of light
- 4. Peaches (from pit):
  - Clean the pit and chill for a few weeks in the refrigerator
  - Plant in soil and keep moist
  - Be aware that trees grown from pits may not produce fruit identical to the parent
- 5. Lemon (from seeds):
  - Clean seeds and plant immediately in moist soil
  - Keep warm and moist until germination
  - Be patient, as lemon trees can take years to bear fruit

# **Sprouts and Microgreens**

- 1. Bean sprouts:
  - Soak beans overnight, drain, and rinse twice daily
  - Keep in a jar covered with cheesecloth until sprouts form
  - Ready to eat in 3-5 days
- 2. Mung bean microgreens:
  - Soak seeds overnight, spread on a tray with soil
  - Cover with a thin layer of soil and keep moist
  - Harvest when leaves appear, usually in 7-10 days
- 3. Broccoli microgreens:
  - Spread seeds on a tray with soil, do not bury
  - Keep moist and in indirect light
  - Harvest when leaves appear, typically in 7-14 days
- 4. Radish microgreens:
  - Use the same method as broccoli microgreens
  - Radish microgreens grow quickly, often ready in 5-7 days
- 5. Kale microgreens:
  - Follow the same method as other microgreens

- Harvest when first true leaves appear, usually in 10-14 days
- 6. Chard microgreens:
  - Use the same method as other microgreens
  - Ready to harvest in about 10-14 days
- 7. Arugula microgreens:
  - Spread seeds on moist soil, do not bury
  - Keep in indirect light and moist
  - Ready to harvest in 7-10 days
- 8. Chia microgreens:
  - Spread seeds thinly on moist soil
  - Do not cover seeds, they need light to germinate
  - Ready to harvest in about 7-10 days
- 9. Buckwheat microgreens:
  - Soak seeds overnight, then spread on soil
  - Keep moist and in indirect light
  - Ready to harvest in 7-10 days

## Non-Edible

- 1. Aloe (medicinal):
  - Remove a small offset (pup) from the main plant
  - Let it callous over for a day or two
  - Pot it in well-draining cactus or succulent soil
  - Water sparingly and provide bright, indirect light