

Provide the right amount of water for summer vegetables



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You might think vegetables will be the best quality only if they get adequate water throughout the growing season. According to UK Extension horticulture specialist Richard Durham, it's important that you water vegetables well while they are being established and during flowering, but sometimes the best quality garden produce results when water is somewhat limited.

All vegetables need a good supply of soil mois-

ture before and during flowering and during fruit development. For crops such as cabbage and broccoli, this period is during establishment and head development.

One to two inches of water per week, in the form of natural rainfall or supplemental irrigation is enough for most vegetables during this time. For vegetables you continually harvest, such as eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, summer squash and green beans, it's important to keep an adequate supply of water to the plant. This ensures even soil moisture throughout the growing season, and it will keep plants productive longer. Consistent soil moisture on tomatoes will also help prevent blossom end rot and cracking of fruit.

You should withhold water from potatoes once the vines have begun to die. The tubers under the soil are entering dormancy at that time and excess

water or fertilizer may cause regrowth or cracking of the potatoes, which makes them less suitable for storage.

Cucumbers will become bitter without a good supply of moisture throughout the entire growing season. On the other hand, melons will produce a sweeter fruit when they are kept drier once the fruit has reached about half of its expected final size.

For melons, don't cut off water completely. Continue to provide one-half to one inch of water per week. Heavy rain or irrigation when the melons are nearly mature will dilute the fruits' sugar. Watermelons will reconcentrate the sugar if left on the vine a little longer. Muskmelons, however, are less apt to do this.

Okra tends to produce more leaves than pods when it's over watered, so try to keep these drought-tolerant plants on the dry side.

A layer of mulch in the vegetable row will help conserve moisture, reduce weed growth and keep produce cleaner. Using black plastic film as a mulch has become standard in commercial vegetable production, but most backyard growers still prefer organic mulches such as straw, wood chips, composted leaves or grass clippings.

For more information about home gardening, refer to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment publication Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>, or contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

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U	D	N	A	E	A	S	C	U	G	L	N	T
2	8	6	5	2	7	2	8	4	3	6	5	7
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2	6	4	2	7	2	8	2	8	6	5	6	8
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5	3	7	4	8	7	4	8	7	3	4	7	3
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4	2	6	3	5	6	5	6	3	6	3	6	3
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals L

FCBHW TFICCO CHXFP JHW WZFIX
WAMZ. OAS'BF JFITP JHW MIEASW
ZSVF "CABF EFIZ ZFVPFT."

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

QMZ LAALIDQZ LP OLTURFZ DJ
LTU ILODZQS DI JLQ OLHRUCDOZ,
DQ DI OLJPLUEDQS.

— ULXXL ERS

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Begonia Diadema This showy perennial is a favorite for shady porches and patios, as it likes growing in pots and hanging baskets, and it needs only indirect light. Water and fertilize carefully, and apply them directly to the soil; the leaves and stems may appear discolored if splashed upon, and the plant will decline overall if the soil is soggy or too much fertilizer is applied.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.greengardeningcookingcuring.com, garden.org, www.begonias.org

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Happy Father's Day!
Give your Dad the gift of time. Pack a bag with binoculars, a field guide, a sketchpad, some colored pencils and lunch. Scope out your favorite park or go to the beach, lake or river. Create some happy memories with your Dad. You'll be grateful you did.

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Puzzle Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

CRYPTOQUIP
answer
— Hollo May
it is conformity.
The opposite of courage in our society is not cowardice, but a lack of conviction.

CRYPTOQUOTE
answer
The opposite of courage in our society is not cowardice, but a lack of conviction.

Bible Word Search on Page 5

Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

The word is superimposition.

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

LAFF - A - DAY

POINT BLUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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"You know, we ought to buy a firetruck before our wives get suspicious."

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Answer

What is the longest word in the world?

Rubber, because it stretches.

FEAR KNIT
answer

CATER
ANGEL
O MUG
S L
P GREAT
GLEEU
LAWMENT
T T

Even Exchange
answers

- Peach, Perch
- Octane, Octave
- Acorn, Scorn
- Barber, Berber
- Lesson, Lessen
- Sally, Silly
- Chick, Check
- Oliver, Sliver
- Avert, Alert
- Report, Resort

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

ADS ABLE SALT
LIE TOIL CHAI
ASAWHOLE RIDS
SCREEN GEE
S ANS ASWELL
CAPRA UNE YEE
SAHOY IST BENE
SAS GMA CEDAR
ASEVER MRI
ILE EUGENE
IMAC ASNEEDED
RICH DUST ERA
ACHY YEAS NOM

Letter Box

Solution

H	E	Y	I	V	L	N	S	O
N	S	I	O	Y	H	L	E	V
O	L	V	S	E	N	Y	H	I
I	N	E	L	O	Y	S	V	H
S	Y	H	V	N	E	O	I	L
L	V	O	H	S	I	E	N	Y
E	H	L	N	I	O	V	Y	S
Y	O	S	E	H	V	I	L	N
V	I	N	Y	L	S	H	O	E

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

5	2	1	8	4	7	3	9	6
4	3	6	5	9	2	1	7	8
8	7	9	6	1	3	5	2	4
6	8	3	2	7	4	9	1	5
2	1	7	9	5	8	6	4	3
9	5	4	1	3	6	2	8	7
3	6	2	4	8	9	7	5	1
7	4	5	3	2	1	8	6	9
1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

Bible Trivia Answers

ANSWERS 1) Neither; 2) 4; 3) Emd; 4) Elisha; 5) Adont-B; zek; 6) Malachi

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