# **DECAP Sustainability**

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#### **Potatoes**

February/March: Place seed potatoes on windowsill/greenhouse to encourage sprouting.

April/May: Plant outside, in sunny spot.

- Fill planter bags about half-way with compost.
- Place seed potatoes 30 cm apart.
- Cover with compost to a depth of 20 cm.
- Water generously.

Late May: When stalks are 10 cm tall, add extra

compost.

Dry weather: water generously.

July/August: Harvest potatoes.

## Courgettes

March/April: Sow seeds in pots, to be kept on sunny windowsill/greenhouse.

- Sow seeds to a depth of 2 cm.
- Water generously.

May: Plant outside in rich soil/a large pot or planter filled with rich compost.

Dry weather: water generously.

July/August: Harvest courgettes.

#### **Tomatoes**

March: Sow seeds in pots, to be kept on sunny windowsill/greenhouse.

- Sow seeds to a depth of 1 cm.
- Water generously.

April/May: Transplant to larger pots. Keep indoors on a sunny windowsill or greenhouse.

Water 2-3 times a week.

Support with canes.

Remove side-shoots.

Once fruit emerges, use liquid feed.

Harvest: August/September/October.

## **Peppers**

March: Sow seeds in pots, to be kept on sunny windowsill/greenhouse.

- Sow seeds to a depth of 1 cm.
- Water generously.

April/May: Transplant to larger pots. Keep indoors on a sunny windowsill or greenhouse.

Water twice a week.

Once flowers emerge, use liquid feed.

August onwards: Harvest.

### **Sunflowers**

April: Sow seeds in pots, to be kept on sunny windowsill/greenhouse.

- Sow seeds to a depth of 2 cm.
- Water generously.

May: Plant outside in beds/a large pot or planter filled with compost.

### Rules of thumb:

- Most seeds need to be planted to a depth of around 2-3 times their size.
- In dry weather water regularly.
- Good depth of compost provides essential nutrients and retains needed moisture for plants.
- Cost-free liquid feed: Half-fill a container with nettle leaves and top-up with water; leave in the sun; dilute 1/10 and add to soil.