



## Garden Planning for Beginners Part 1: Resources

[USDA Plant Hardiness Zone search by Zip code](#) | National Gardening Association

[Sunset Garden Climate Zones](#)

Golden Gate Gardening by Pamela Peirce | Bay Area Gardening book but without much focus on the South Bay

[Silicon Valley Seeds weekly gardening todos](#)

UC Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County

- [Learn about who they are and how they can help you with your garden](#)
- [Warm Season and Cool Season Crop Profiles](#) | Growing and Harvesting guide with recommended varieties for Santa Clara County
- [Planting Calendar for Santa Clara County](#) | Handy dandy chart. Also available in Spanish and Chinese

Sun Mapping

- [Guide on the simplest method—using observation](#)
- [Guide on how to make a sun map using photos you take of your backyard](#)
- [Article with recommend resources that can help track the sun at any time of the year](#)

[Where to get free or low cost Compost \(can also be used as mulch\)](#) | Silicon Valley Seeds

[How to start a Garden videos](#) | Calvary Gardening Ministry

[Soil testing options](#) | MG of SCC

[A guide to DIY Soil Testing](#)

### Additional Resources

[Garden to Tables's Taylor Street Farm](#)

An urban farm in San Jose that offers [classes](#).

They were kind enough to let us use their space to grow CGM's seedlings. Show them some love!