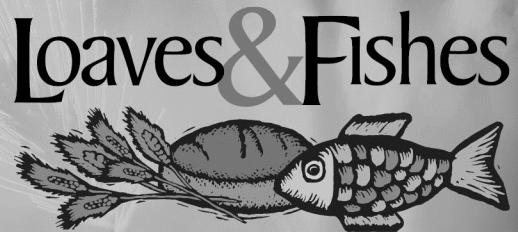


NUTRITION TO GO

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Did you know? Now you can visit the pantry two times per month to pick up food.

¿Lo sabías? Ahora puedes visitar esta despensa dos veces al mes para conseguir comida.

Grow your own ingredients

Have you ever thought of growing your own garden vegetables? With rain, sunlight and some extra water from you, seeds become plants that MAKE FOOD for your family! The best way to start gardening is to read a little about it, and then get to planting and learn as you go. After reading some of the tips and advice here, we hope you'll give it a try!

Where do I plant?

If you'd like to plant in raised garden beds, you can make them out of many different materials. If you have cinder blocks, old lumber, extra pavers, bricks or even sheet metal, you can build a great raised bed! Just make a closed shape that is at least 8-12" high. Fill it with garden soil, and you are all set!

Don't have a raised bed and no time to build one? We love spot gardening! Plant vegetables in one or more large planting pots, and place in the sunniest spots you can find on the porch or in the yard. Don't have any pots? Try poking holes in the bottom of a laundry basket and lining with cardboard or trash bags.

What soil do I use?

For growing vegetables, you'll want garden soil. Good soil is rich (full of nutrients) and will hold water but also drain well. You can buy pre-made garden soil or mix it up yourself with things like old potting soil, compost, and small amounts of coffee grounds, shredded leaves and grass clippings to add nutrients.



What can I plant this month?

Here in Virginia, in May and June, you can plant seeds for green beans, cucumbers, spring onions, zucchini, pumpkin, eggplant, summer squash, sweet potato, okra, lima beans, cantaloupe and watermelon.

Choose something your family likes to eat from the list above and get started! Just plant the seeds straight into your soil and water gently every day or two until they sprout!



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Ingredients

About 6 spring onions
3 cups green beans
1T butter
1 tsp lemon juice
Salt and pepper



Directions

1. Trim tips from green beans and add to a pan of boiling water, then bring back to the boil. Simmer fast for 4 minutes, and then drain.
2. Trim spring onions and cut lengthwise.
3. Melt butter in a large frying pan and cook spring onions over a medium heat, turning frequently, for 3 minutes.
3. Toss with the green beans, sprinkle with lemon and add salt and pepper to taste!

Green bean and spring onion salad

