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## SEED PLANTING DIRECTIONS

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### ATTENTION

#### Beans, Corn, Pumpkins and Squash

*all need thoroughly warmed, loosened and fertilized soil under the plants.*

### PLANTING BEANS

Our bush beans should be planted in **rows**. Make a shallow, one inch deep furrow, and **space** the seeds 2 inches apart. The center of the row needs to be about 30 inches from a narrow row crop next to it, like carrots or onions, or about 36 inches from a wider crop, such as another row of beans or corn. Cover with about an inch of soil.

### PLANTING CORN

Be sure to soak the seed overnight in slightly warm water before planting. Corn may be planted in hills or rows. To hill the plants, move loose soil close to the roots. Hills are favored for cultivating with hand garden tools, or very narrow garden tractors which will fit between the hills. Corn planted in hills is less likely to blow over in windy areas. Rows are better suited for when you will be cultivating with a tall tractor which straddles the crop rows. To get good pollination, four rows, or four hills across the garden, should be planted next to each other. In **hills**, plant 5 seeds in a 6-8 inch circle. With a **row**, space seeds 4 inches apart. **Cover** with an inch of soil. The space between the centers of your rows or hills may be determined by the width of your tractor, or how much room you want when hoeing, but 30 to 36 inches is common. Hill and fertilize the corn when it is knee high, or almost too tall to go under a cultivating garden tractor, if you use one.

### PLANTING SQUASH AND PUMPKINS

Make sure to soak these seeds in slightly warm water for 6 hours before planting. You may plant in hills or rows. Although these crops need water to thrive, they get diseases from too much standing water near them. To prevent that problem, make a 24 inch wide, gently-sloped mound a few inches high to plant in. For **hills**, make a circular mound about 24 inches in diameter. For **rows**, make a 24 inch wide mound, the full length of the row. Press the individual seeds  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep into the top of the mound. For **hills**, space five seeds 6 to 9 inches apart in a circle. For **rows**, the seeds can be a foot apart. **Space** the hill or row centers 8 feet apart.

*All these crops should have deep green leaves. If they become pale, they need more fertilizer.*