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**The location of your vegetable garden will have a big impact on its productivity** and on the types of vegetables that you can grow. When choosing your site, consider climate, topography, exposure, soil conditions, and accessibility.

## Climate and topography

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## Exposure

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## Soil conditions

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**Accessibility**

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<b>ACTIVITY</b>		
Use this report card to assess your site. Mark the green, orange or red square that best describes your site.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>GOOD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FAIR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>POOR</b>
<b>LOOK OVER THE GARDEN SITE. ARE THERE ANY FEATURES THAT WILL CREATE CHALLENGES (LARGE STONES, BIG TREES, UTILITY LINES, POOLING WATER?)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> O	<input type="checkbox"/> P
<b>DOES THE EXISTING VEGETATION ON THE SITE LOOK HEALTHY?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> P
<b>IS THE SITE ON A SLOPE? IF SO, WHAT DIRECTION IS THE SLOPE FACING?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>IS THERE A GOOD AND ACCESSIBLE SOURCE OF WATER?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>HOW MUCH SUNLIGHT DOES THE SITE GET DURING THE GROWING MONTHS?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DIG A PIT 50 CM DEEP. IS IT DIFFICULT TO EXCAVATE THE SOIL (E.G. COMPACTION OR ROCKY)?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> D
<b>WHAT COLOUR IS THE SOIL NEAR THE SURFACE (DARKER SOIL INDICATES MORE ORGANIC MATTER)?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> G
<b>DO YOU SEE ANY EARTHWORMS AS YOU DIG?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>FIGURE OUT SOIL TEXTURE USING THE 'FEEL TEST' OR 'JAR TEST' DESCRIBED IN 'SOIL BASICS'.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HAVE A LOOK AT SOIL STRUCTURE.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> H
<b>IS THERE A RISK THAT THE SOIL MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED WITH HEAVY METALS OR OTHER TOXICS?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> H
<b>DOES THE SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT INDICATE APPROPRIATE PH?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DOES THE SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT INDICATE ADEQUATE LEVELS OF SOIL NUTRIENTS?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IS THE SITE EASILY ACCESSIBLE?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> N