



## Talk #1: Principles of Growing Vegetables in the PNW and The Allium Family

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### 1. **Objectives:**

- Learn the principles necessary to grow vegetables in the PNW.
- See these principles applied to allium cultivation

### 2. **6 S's of Vegetable Gardening:**

- SITE:** Learn to make the best site selection, considering sunlight, easy water access, level soil, and good drainage.
  
- SOIL:** Learn why to test your soil, then amend as indicated, to make the best soil you can.
  
- SPECIES:** Choose the best crops for your tastes based on your site, soil conditions, plus days to maturity.
  
- STARTS:** Decide if it's best to direct sow seeds or use transplants. Learn best timing, using a planting calendar.
  
- SUSTAIN:** Bring the heat, feeding your plants, watering wisely, limiting competition, encouraging pollinators. Learn to identify signs of pest, disease, and plant cultural problems. Identify your treatment options. Apply intervention. Assess if your intervention was successful.
  
- SAVOR:** The best part of the veggie garden growing experience, eating what you've grown.

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### 3. **The Allium Family**

**Chives**-almost worry free, super easy to grow, flavors many dishes.

**Garlic**-vampires beware, easy to grow, many varieties to choose from, needs special handling during harvest time.

**Leeks**-can get muddy and be a pain to clean but a very mild and delicious vegetable. Easy to grow.

**Onion**-as essential vegetable, not carefree but easy to grow, needs special handling during harvest time.

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