

Garden Guide

Beds, your plant catalog, and plantings that schedule themselves

How the Garden app is organised

The Garden app has three parts, and they build on each other in order:

Planting Locations	Your beds — the physical places you plant into. Set these up once.
Plants	Your catalog of what you grow: a tomato variety, a particular lettuce, the garlic you saved. Also set up once, then reused.
Plantings	The actual event of putting a plant into a bed on a date. This is the part you use through the season.

You need a bed and a plant before you can record a planting, so add those first. The Garden home page shows how many of each you have, the three cards that lead to them, and your most recent plantings.

Adding a bed

Go to Garden, then Planting Locations, then Add. A bed can be a raised bed, a row, a greenhouse bench, a container — whatever you think of as one place.

Name	What you call it. This is all that is required.
Length and width (feet)	Optional. Useful for working out spacing.
Soil type	Optional, for example Loam or Sandy loam.
Notes	Anything else worth remembering about the spot.

Opening a bed from the list shows its detail page, including what is currently planted in it. From there you can edit the bed or print its QR code.

Bed QR codes

Each bed can produce a printable QR code. Open the bed, choose the QR option, and print the page that appears. Fix the label to a stake or the side of the bed.

Out in the garden, open Home and use the QR button above the calendar. Point your camera at a label and the app opens that bed's report — what is planted there and when it is due. It saves hunting through a list with muddy hands.

Building your plant catalog

Go to Garden, then Plants, then Add. Fill in as much or as little as you like, but the three day counts are worth the effort — they are what lets the app schedule your harvests for you.

Common name	For example Tomato. Required.
Variety	For example Brandywine.
Soil requirement	Preferred soil, such as Loam.
Brand	The seed company or nursery it came from.
Days to sprout	Days from sowing until you expect to see it emerge.
Days to maturity	Days from sowing until the first harvest.
Days to seed harvest	Days from sowing until seed is ready to save.
Spacing (inches)	In-row spacing.
Sun and Watering	The conditions this plant wants.
Perennial	Tick if it comes back on its own.
Frost hardy	Tick if it tolerates light frosts.
Medicinal	Tick to flag it as a medicinal plant.
Notes	Anything else — flavour, how it did last year, sowing tricks.

The day counts usually appear on the seed packet. Filling them in once per variety means every future planting of it schedules itself.

Recording a planting

Go to Garden, then Plantings, then Add. This is the record you will create most often.

Bed	Where it is going.
Plant	Which entry from your catalog.
Method	How it went in — direct sown, transplanted, and so on.
Quantity	How many you put in.
Sow date	The day it went in. Required.
Seed run	Tick if this planting is for saving seed. This adds the seed harvest date to your calendar.

Ongoing	Tick for something that produces continuously, so it has no single last harvest date.
Medicinal	Tick if you are growing it for medicinal use.
Notes	Anything specific to this planting.

Dates the app works out for you

As soon as you save a planting, the app adds the sow date to your calendar and calculates the rest from the day counts on the plant:

- Expected emergence — the sow date plus days to sprout.
- Expected first harvest — the sow date plus days to maturity.
- Expected seed harvest — the sow date plus days to seed harvest, for seed run plantings.
- Expected last harvest — the end of the picking window, unless you marked the planting as ongoing.

All of these show up on the Home calendar and in the Upcoming list, each labelled with the plant and the bed. If a date is missing, it is because the matching day count was left blank on the plant — fill it in and the date appears.

Harvesting what you grew

When a planting is ready, record the picking through Menu, then Harvest. Choose Plant as the source, pick the bed, then the planting, then the produce and how much you got.

That harvest goes into a basket, and once you receive the basket into a storage location it becomes stock you can search, use in recipes, and track for expiry. The Stock guide covers this in full.

Changing and removing records

Every bed, plant, and planting can be edited from its list — useful when a harvest comes in earlier than predicted and you want the record to match what actually happened.

Each also has a Delete option, which asks you to confirm first. Removing a planting also removes its dates from your calendar.

Tips

- Enter a plant once per variety, not once per planting. The catalog is meant to be reused season after season.
- For successions, record a separate planting for each sowing date. Each gets its own harvest window on the calendar.
- Print bed QR codes at the start of the season while you are indoors anyway.
- If the calendar looks emptier than expected, check the day counts on your plants — that is almost always the reason.