

# Intensive Spacing for Raised Beds

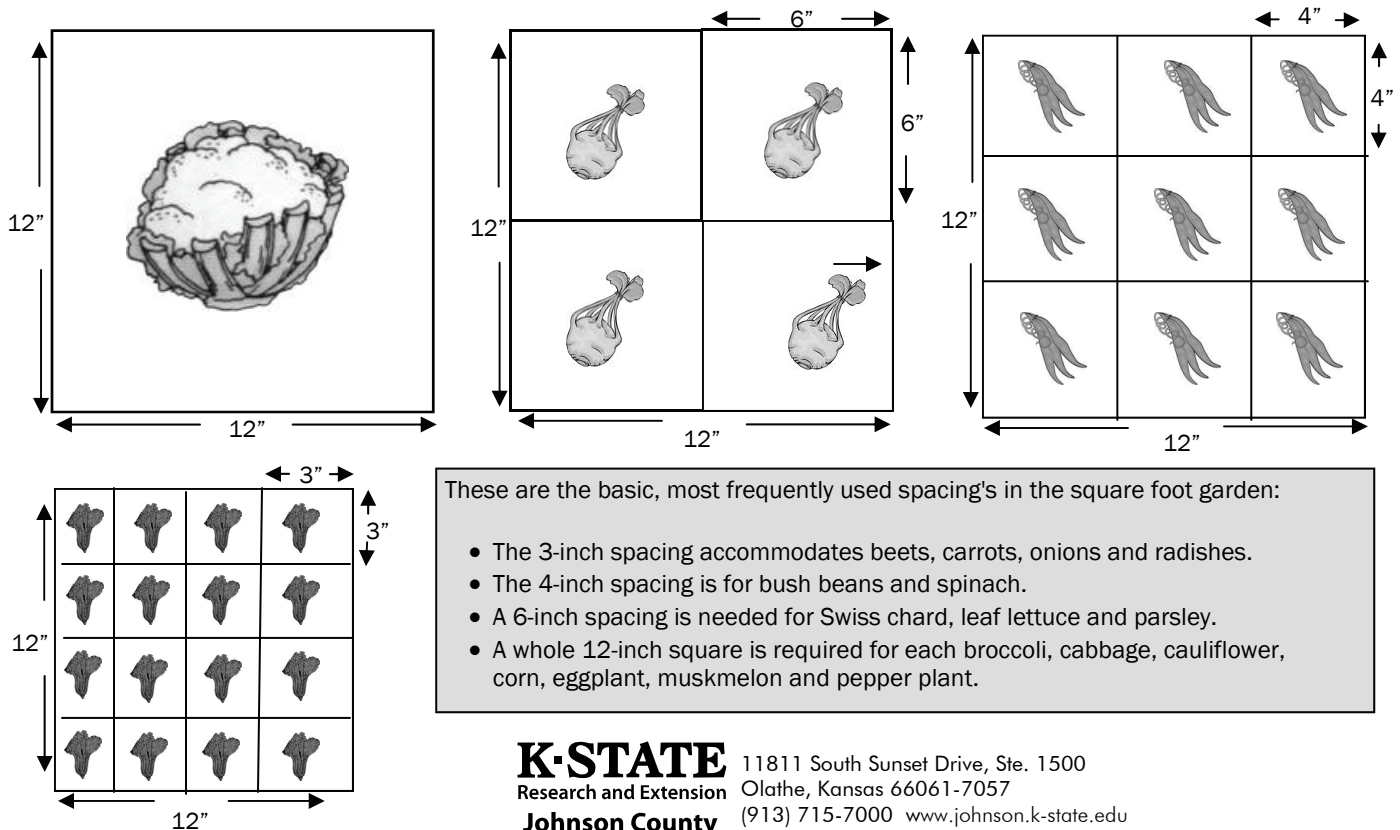
Intensive garden spacing is a great way to increase your return in the garden. This concept uses all the space in the beds eliminating the need for rows and paths. Intensive spacing not only increases the return but also helps control weeds and save on water.

## Distance Between Plants

Asparagus	12-18"	Endive	8-12"	Peppers	12-15"
Basil	12-18"	Garlic	3"	Potatoes	10-12"
Beans, lima	3-4"	Kale	6-8"	Pumpkins	24-36"
Beans, snap	3-4"	Kohlrabi	3-6"	Radishes	2-3"
Beets	2-3"	Leeks	2-3"	Sage	12-18"
Brussels sprouts	15-18"	Head lettuce	10-12"	Spinach, other	2-4"
Cabbage	15-18"	Leaf lettuce	3-6"	Squash, summer 1	8-24"
Carrots	2-3"	Mustard	3-4"	Squash, winter	24-36"
Cauliflower	12-15"	New Zealand spinach	10-12"	Sunflower	18-28"
Chinese cabbage	6-9"	Okra	10-12"	Sweet potatoes	10-12"
Collards	10-12"	Onions, bulb	3-4"	Swiss chard	6-9"
Corn	8-10"	Onions, bunching	2-3"	Tomatoes	18-24"
Cucumbers	12-18"	Parsley	4-6"	Turnips	2-4"
Dill	6-10"	Parsnips	3-4"		
Eggplant	12-18"	Peas	1-2"		



**NOTE:** The less distance between plants, the greater the efficiency. Using beans as our example, if you space them equidistantly 4" you will yield up to four times more plants, than yielded in conventional rows spaced 30" apart with plants spaced 4' apart in the same square-foot area.



These are the basic, most frequently used spacing's in the square foot garden:

- The 3-inch spacing accommodates beets, carrots, onions and radishes.
- The 4-inch spacing is for bush beans and spinach.
- A 6-inch spacing is needed for Swiss chard, leaf lettuce and parsley.
- A whole 12-inch square is required for each broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, eggplant, muskmelon and pepper plant.