

# COMPANION PLANTING

Tomatoes, peppers, basil, oregano, parsley, chives, borage, carrots, celery, marigolds, geraniums, petunias and nasturtium make good companion plants.

## Basil

is said to make tomatoes taste better.

## Oregano

helps retain soil moisture and regulate temperatures.

## Chives

may repel some insects.

## Marigolds

produce a chemical that repels many insects.

Nasturtium, geraniums, petunias and zinnias act as trap crop, keeping pests away from the desirable plant or crop. Japanese Beetles, a troublesome pest, feed on the zinnias rather than your herbs. Geraniums are toxic. Japanese beetles feed on the geraniums and die.

Tomatoes should not be planted with rosemary, strawberries, fennel and dill. Strawberries carry the disease Verticillium Wilt. Dill attracts Tomato Horn Worms. Fennel inhibits the growth of many plants.

Marigold leaves can be used in place of tarragon, and the flowers can be used in place of saffron.

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