

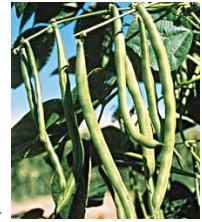
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## Hail damage is the gardener's worst nightmare—but there's hope!

If you were hit by hail this week, some of your plants might be worth saving—and others may just have to be replaced. Here are some tips for rejuvenating your garden.



### What to do with hail-damaged veggies and annuals:

**Keep** as many remaining leaves as possible; if half or more of the leaf is in tact, keep it for at least awhile so it can create energy for the plant.

**Remove** branches, leaves and stems that are broken or badly shredded.

If the top of a plant is shredded—for example a tomato plant—**clip the plant** off down to where there are healthy leaves.

**Spray** the cuts or broken places with a copper product. Copper, commonly found in fungicides, will help wounds heal and keep diseases from entering plants. Caution: read the label before applying any product on veggies.

**Fertilize** with a liquid or granular fertilizer.

**Expect** signs of new life in about 10 days to 2 weeks. With proper watering, good fertilization and no more hail, you may still see some fruits or flowers from these plants.

**What can still be planted:** Late July isn't the ideal time for starting a garden, but there are still seeds and small plants that can be planted now that can yield a harvest.

**Seeds** that mature in about 60 days, like some beans (see photo above), pickling cukes, radishes, carrots

**Leafy plants** such as varieties of lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard

**Small plants** which are still available in some garden centers—like tomatoes (Early Girl or Cherry tomatoes are great choices), peppers, zucchini and cukes. Once planted in the ground, they will thrive in the hot weather.

**Reminder:** if we have a frost in September, you will need to cover your re-plants or you'll lose to Mother Nature again!

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