

691 Grow Your Own Vegetables

Interview Questions

Use two or three of these or similar standard questions as *part* of the interview judging process.

1. Vegetables can be enjoyed many ways. What are different ways to prepare vegetables?
Answers will vary, but they can include raw, cooked, frozen, sliced, diced, mashed, sautéed, grilled, steamed, roasted. (page 8)
2. Why is it important to know your growing zone?
It helps you choose vegetables that thrive in your area. (page 10)
3. What is crop rotation?
You don't grow the same plant in the same spot year after year. (page 13)
4. What kind of soil do vegetables grow best in?
Fertile, well-drained soil that is loamy. (page 24)
5. How can you improve clay soil?
Answers will vary, but they can include by adding shredded leaves, compost or peat moss. (page 24)
6. Moisture and warmth are signals for seeds to germinate. What temperature does the soil have to be for most seeds to grow?
60 degrees F. (page 28)
7. Planting time of vegetable seeds and transplants is critical for a successful growing year. How can you tell if the soil is ready for you to start planting?
Before spading, squeeze a handful of soil if it crumbles easily it is dry enough to start working. (page 32)
8. What do plants need to grow?
Air, water, and nutrients (that mostly come from the soil). (page 36)
9. What is photosynthesis?
Plants use chlorophyll in their leaves to absorb light and convert it to energy. (page 38)
10. Why do you want to keep weeds out of your garden?
They compete with plants for nutrients and water. They can also be hosts for insects and diseases. (page 41)

