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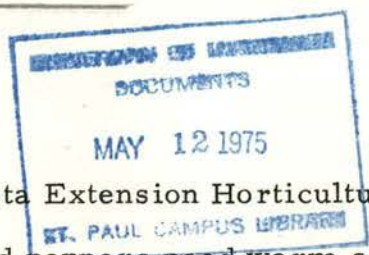
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Vegetables

University of Minnesota Extension Horticulturist Orrin Turnquist says tomatoes and peppers need warm soil--at least 60 degrees or better yet 65.

Last year that temperature wasn't reached until mid-May. This year it may be later. In any case, it isn't safe to set out tomatoes or peppers until June 1st. If you are growing tomato plants indoors for transplanting, remember to reduce their growth rate as soon as possible by exposing them to outdoor temperatures and gradually reducing their watering. The result will be hardier plants when you move them to the garden.

Prevent Diseases

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Extension Plant Pathologist Frank Pflieger (flee-ger) says take precautions now against disease in garden plants.

Don't crowd plants. Crowding favors humidity build-up which in turn favors disease. Rotate crops. Avoid successive cropping of the same vegetables side-by-side during the same season. Many vegetables are susceptible to the same diseases and such successive cropping can facilitate disease transmission.

Keep your garden as far from the house as possible. Ornamental plants around the home can harbor many diseases that can spread to the garden. Keep weeds well under control. They serve as host for many pathogens. Control insects early in the season. They carry and spread plant disease. Plant only disease resistant varieties when possible.

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