

SBS Veggie Mix initially installed in 2005 and monitored/replanted over next 4 years. No fertilization added.

During the monitoring period, when there was virtually no management, upkeep or amending of the garden (other than yearly cleanup, plating and ongoing watering as needed), we can see the progression of growth over time. With each passing year the soil is becoming more productive. This echoes what the experts say - productivity increases yearly as the soil biology evolves. Therefore, it could be advantageous to allow the newly imported soil to sit idle before initially planting, especially with raised container beds. Ideally, this may involve creating your beds in winter in preparation for a spring time planting. See SoilBuilding.com for additional best practices info.

Please note, there are obviously many factors that will affect your garden, including weather conditions, rain levels, irrigation levels, roof and ground runoff, water pH, soil porosity levels, shade/sun durations, cross pollination of neighboring trees/plants, seed and plant stock quality, raised or in-ground installation, animals (birds, rodents, etc.) and pests, fertilization techniques, pesticides (applied or blown in), *local* vegetable gardening experience and expectation levels, etc. Sometimes conditions make gardening easy, and other times incredibly difficult. Soil is a critical component, but only one component nonetheless. With that said, SBS can in no way guarantee the productivity or success of your garden, nor does SBS represent that you will experience the same results as pictured below.

