

## Worksheet 6: Preparing to Plant Vegetables in your Garden or Polytunnel.

First you will need to prepare your beds in your garden or in your pollytunnel.

- Clear any plants/weeds/rubbish that is currently in beds.
- Using a Garden Fork, Hoe or Rake lightly fork over the soil.(Digging the fork in and turning the soil over countine till whole bed has been turned)
- Add some compost fertiliser over the top of your bed and use your watering can to give a nice amount of water over your bed.

Next you have to move your little seedlings into the plant bed. Carefully remove your plants from the tray by pushing them out from the bottom. Place your fingers (index and middle) at base of plant while pushing it out from base.

Using a trowel dig out a medium size hole for each plant ensuring that you when the plant is in the soil then it is not too deep.

Gently lower your seedling into its new home in the ground, try to make sure it is up right and standing tall. Carfully add some more compost around the roots and add enough to cover the base of your plant. Give a firm press down on the compost at the base of your plant to make it feel really comfortable.

Now it is time to water your little plant in its new home. Using a watering can or hose with the spray attachment and apply a decent amount of water to the base of your plant. (This is all depending on how dry your soil is, if it is very dry more water will be needed.

All plants you have been provided with can be planted at a distance of 8inches/20cm apart.