

Garden Pictures May 18, 2009

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My garden so far this year: (click on picture for larger view)

Area 1 consists of 4 separate beds. The square one in the foreground has lettuce, beets, radishes and onions. There are 2 long narrow beds with lettuce and peas. Then there is a bed closest to the driveway that has peas, spinach 2 cherry tomatoes, one green pepper, and a row of tobacco. Area 2 has tomatoes, green peppers and cucumbers and some empty space for beans later on. Close up of lettuce You will notice a lot of milk jugs! Some of them are buried and will be used as olla's for deep watering. The others are my mini greenhouses. Here in southeast Michigan it really is a bit early to be planting things like tomatoes and green peppers and cucumbers. So as I plant each one, I cover it with a milk jug with the bottom cut off, and leave the cap off. This seems to be working really well. I can stick a finger in the jug and feel warmth. And the plants are growing nicely. I still have a few things that I haven't figured out yet where I am going to put them! Things like my crookneck squash, cantelopes, and zucchini. There isn't much more backyard I can dig up and still have room for solar clothes drying. So I will probably end up using buckets alongside of the house on the driveway. I don't really want to use much of the front yard because most of the front does not get enough sun and it would need some major soil improvement.