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## Vegetables Growing Guide – Eco Hope Co. Ltd

### 1. Introduction

- **Role in Food Security:** Vegetables play a crucial role in nutrition and provide a quick return on investment for farmers.
- **Eco Hope's Support:** We help farmers grow high-quality vegetables for both local markets and export.

### 2. Crop Selection

- **Popular Vegetables:** Cabbage, tomatoes, onions, spinach, and carrots.
- **Climate:** Vegetables typically grow best at altitudes between 1,200m and 2,000m.

### 3. Nursery Establishment

- **Seed Bed Preparation:** Use well-drained, fertile soil for the nursery.
- **Shading:** Keep the nursery shaded to protect seedlings from harsh sunlight.

### 4. Transplanting

- **Hardening Seedlings:** Harden seedlings before transplanting to avoid transplant shock.
- **Spacing:** Maintain adequate spacing to ensure good airflow and healthy growth.

### 5. Fertilization

- **Organic Manure:** Incorporate organic manure into the soil before planting.
- **Foliar Feeding:** Apply liquid fertilizers as needed for quick nutrient absorption.

### 6. Pest & Disease Control

- **Pests:** Common pests include aphids, whiteflies, and caterpillars.
- **Diseases:** Fungal blight and powdery mildew are common.

- **Control:** Use neem oil and insecticidal soaps.

## **7. Harvesting**

- **Maturity:** Harvest vegetables based on market maturity.
- **Clean Harvesting:** Use clean, sharp tools to avoid contaminating crops.

## **8. Post-Harvest Handling**

- **Storage:** Store vegetables in cool, shaded areas to maintain freshness.
- **Packaging:** Package vegetables properly for market distribution.

## **9. Contact Information**

- Contact Eco Hope agronomists for personalized advice and support.