

## Top 10 VEGETABLES & FRUITS for weeknight cooking

Putting dinner on the table during the week means being prepared. Always have a handful of vegetables and fruit on hand that can be used in a variety of ways.

**ONION** An aromatic and important ingredient for many dishes.

**CARROT** One of the most versatile vegetables in the kitchen; adds color, flavor, and texture; can be steamed, sautéed, grilled, roasted, and stewed.

**CELERY** Often used with onion and carrot, and called mirepoix; used as a foundation for soups, stews, and sauces; delightful chopped and added to a salad.

**BELL PEPPER** | Wonderful sautéed or raw. Together with onion and celery is called "The Trinity" in Cajun/Creole cooking.

**GARLIC** A must-have for adding amazing flavor; together with onion, celery, and bell pepper, becomes "The Holy Trinity".

**GREENS** The option for a quick salad or a sautéed side dish is a must; think spinach, spring mix, arugula.

**TOMATO** Nothing beats a good tomato sauce or a fresh tomato in season slimply sliced.

**POTATO** The most versatile vegetable in your pantry; rekindle your love affair with the potato.

GREEN PEAS (FROZEN) | Always a nice choice to drop in a soup, sauce, or on a fresh salad. Defrost only what you need.

**LEMON** A drizzle of olive oil and a squeeze of fresh lemon juice is all you need for a quick salad; a squeeze of fresh lemon juice will brighten any dish.

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