

Starting a Garden: Guides and Resources

Whether you wish to start a school garden or just want to make space at home, this set of curated resources has the right information for you!

Resources have been divided into the following categories:

- School Gardens
- General Garden Tips and Tricks
- Small Space Gardens
- Herb Gardens
- Raised Gardens/Traditional Gardens
- Flower Gardens

School Gardens: Integrate gardens into your school employee wellness program and create new opportunities for staff, students and volunteers.

[School Garden Checklist](#) – Let's Move

[STEM in the Garden Curriculum](#) – School Garden Project of Lane County

[Increasing Inclusion in the School Garden, Growing Success with School Gardens, On-site Composting at Schools](#) – School Garden Project of Lane County

[Year Round Gardening Chart for the Willamette Valley](#) – School Garden Project of Lane County

[USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#) – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

[Farm to School Planning Toolkit](#) - USDA

[Oregon Farm to School and School Gardens](#) – Oregon.gov

[Oregon Farm to School Grant Information](#) – Oregon.gov

[Farm to School Planning Toolkit](#) – USDA

[Toilet Paper Tube Seedling Pots](#) – Thrifty Fun

[How to Create a Monarch Waystation](#) – American Meadows

[Plants Kids Love to Touch](#) – HGTV

[10 Easy to Grow Vegetables](#) – Imperfectly Happy

General Garden Tips and Tricks: Use these strategies to enhance gardens in pots, planters, raised beds, or in large gardens!

[Top 10 Tips for New Gardeners](#) - Imperfectly Happy

[Companion Planting/Bad Neighbors](#) – Savvy Housekeeping

[6 Ways Marigolds Help Your Vegetable Garden](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[Make a Watering Can from a Milk Jug](#) – One Creative Mommy

[How to Attract Ladybugs](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[How to Make a Bee Friendly Garden](#) – Garden Therapy

[Building a Bee Waterer](#) – The Walden Effect

[How Chickens Help a Garden](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[How to Make a Toad House](#) – Southern States

[How to Grow Seedlings in Eggshells](#) – Is She Really

[How to Make Natural Pesticides for Your Plants](#) – Bless My Weeds

[How to Use Eggs Shells in Your Garden](#) – Premeditated Leftovers

[How to Use Coffee Grounds in Your Garden](#) – Bees and Roses

[How to Use Orange Peels for a Better Garden](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[How to Make a Rain Barrel](#) – Empress of Dirt

[How to Compost Infographic](#) – Craftsy

[How to Start Composting for Beginners](#) – Bees and Roses

[What to Plant in May](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[What to Plant in June](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[What to Plant in August](#) – Imperfectly Happy

Small Space Gardens: No large backyard needed for these gardening strategies.

[Veggie Container Garden Guide](#) – Desmina

[5 Best Container Vegetables for Beginning Gardeners](#) – Brown Thumb mama

[10 Vegetables that Grow in Pots](#) – Bees and Roses

[Growing Sprouted Onions](#) – Anktangle

[Great Ways to Grow Strawberries](#) – Family Food Garden

[How to Grow Spinach in a Pot](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[How Not to Kill Plants in Containers](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[Plastic Bottle Garden Ideas](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[How to Build and Grow a Salad Garden on Your Balcony](#) - eHow

[Do It Yourself Vertical Gardening Ideas](#) – Mom with a Prep

[Going Up: Gutter Garden](#) – Garden Gate eNotes

[Bike Tire Trellis](#) – The Family Chapters

[Square Foot Gardening Mistakes](#) – Learn from Ours First! – Mom with a Prep

Herb Gardens: These small plants can pack a big punch and add to your home cooking!

[Anyone Can Grow Herbs](#) - HouseBeautiful

[Herbs in Recycled Milk Carton Planters](#) – Grillo Designs

[Mason Jar Herb Garden](#) – The Contractor Chronicles

[Shoe Organizer Herbs: Vertical Garden](#) – Drinking with Chickens

[Easiest Herbs to Grow Indoors](#) – Desima

[10 Tiny Herb Garden Ideas That Will Fit in Any Apartment](#) – Brit + Co

[Freeze and Preserve Fresh Herbs in Olive Oil](#) – Kitchn

Raised Beds/Traditional Gardens: Literally start from the ground up!

[Pros and Cons of Raised Garden Beds](#) – Imperfectly Happy

[15 Cheap and Easy Do It Yourself Raised Garden Beds](#) – Your House and Garden

[10 Vegetables that Love Shade](#) – Bees and Roses

[5 Super Speedy Growing Vegetables](#) – Savvy Gardening

[How to Make a Bean Teepee](#) – Adventure-in-a-Box

[How to Grow Watermelon in Containers](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[How to Grow Superb Summer Squash](#) – Vegetable Gardener

[Fall Garden Planning](#) – The Kitchengarten

[How to Make a Pallet Garden](#) – Bright Nest

Flower Gardens: This type of garden can add beauty to any area.

[Succulent Plants: A Desert Escape](#) – Savvy Gardening

[10 of the Longest Flowering Perennials](#) – Savvy Gardening

[Hardy Roses for the Modern Garden](#) – Savvy Gardening

[Colorful Climbing Plants](#) – Savvy Gardening

[Early Blooming Perennials: 10 Favorites](#) – Savvy Gardening

[Top 10 Plants for Fragrance](#) – Savvy Gardening

[Plants to Attract Hummingbirds and Butterflies](#) – The Family Tree Inc.

[26 Plants that Grow in Shade](#) – Morning Chores

[Shade-Happy Garden](#) – Lowe's

[24 Drought Tolerant Plants](#) – Balcony Garden Web

[Top 10 Upcycled Garden Ideas](#) – Upcycle That

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