



Edible Gardening: Getting Started

Before you get started creating your edible gardening, it is a great idea to spend some time planning. Here are some questions to consider when planning your edible garden:

- **What space do you have available?**

- Do you have a backyard? Front yard? Windowsill? Courtyard? Balcony? Area around the side of your house?
- Is it easiest for you to create an edible garden straight in the ground, to use a raised garden bed or utilise pots?
- If you will be using a raised garden bed, will you be able to reach all of your produce easily? Don't forget to leave enough space to move around your garden bed so that you can easily water and harvest your produce.



- **How much sun, shade and wind will your garden receive?**
 - The area that you choose for your garden will ideally receive a good amount of sunlight and be protected from strong winds.
 - Some plants may like full sun, others can grow well in partial shade. If you are not sure, read the labels on your seeds or seedlings, speak to nursery staff or asked some experienced gardeners.
- **What parts of your garden do you usually spend time in?**
What parts of your garden can you see from home?
 - Choosing somewhere that you can easily see or spend time in can help you to remember to look after your plants
- **Are there any large trees located near to where you would like your edible garden?**
 - Big tree roots may compete with your fruits and vegetables for water. It might be better to plant in a different area, or use pots or raised garden beds instead.



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