



How to plant and maintain your garden

Creating and maintaining a thriving backyard involves planning and ongoing care.

Follow these steps to plant and maintain your garden effectively.



1. Plan your layout

- Plan your backyard: Consider the size, sunlight, and soil type. Allocate areas for flowers, shrubs, vegetables, and open spaces.
- Design: Plan for pathways, borders, and plants. Consider what you already have.

2. Choose the right plants

- Native species: Select plants suited to your area and soil for better growth. Include plants that bloom at different times.
- Layer your plants: Use ground covers, shrubs and trees.

3. Prepare the soil

- Test the soil: Check for pH levels and nutrient content to ensure suitability for your chosen plants. Soil test kits are available at nurseries and hardware stores.
- Improve the soil: Add compost or organic matter.

4. Ready, set, plant

- Dig the right-sized holes: Planting holes should be twice as wide as the root ball and just as deep.
- Position plants: Space plants out before planting giving you a chance to change the layout.
- Water: Water plants deeply after planting to help roots establish.

5. Mulch and Water

- Mulch: Mulching around plants retains moisture, regulates soil temperature, and suppresses weeds.
- Water: Water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth. Increase watering in hot weather and reduce it during cooler months.

6. Maintain Your Garden

- Prune regularly: Remove dead or overgrown branches to encourage healthy growth and maintain shape.
- Weed control: Pull weeds early before they compete with your plants for nutrients.

7. Monitor and Enjoy

- Check for pests and diseases: Inspect plants regularly and address concerns with eco-friendly solutions.
- Record changes: Keep a garden journal to track what works best in your space.

