

Tips for Backyard Gardening



Pay Attention to the Sun

You will want to pick a spot for your garden that gets lots of sun. If you're gone most days, watch your yard on a weekend. Trees, buildings and fences can sometimes make it shady where you would think it would be sunny.

Prepare Soil and Add Compost

Before you plant your seeds or seedlings, make sure the soil is loose and broken up. You may want to add some compost as well. (If you don't already have a compost pile, don't worry, you can get some at a local store.)

Pay Attention to Plant Spacing

Make sure to read the back of the seed packets to be certain you give your plants plenty of room to grow. If you're short on space, you may want to avoid plants like squash and cucumber, as they require a lot of room to grow. Instead, try tomatoes, lettuce, and beans.

Label

Don't forget to label your freshly planted seeds or seedlings. This is especially crucial if you are starting with seeds. You don't want to forget what you've planted.