

## What You Need to Get Started



*Here is a basic list of things you will need to start your garden. There are many more tools you can use that will make gardening easier.*

**Seeds** - I recommend buying at least one packet of seeds so your children can watch the transformation of seed to full grown plant.

**Seed Planters** - You can buy these in many shapes and forms. You can even buy mini greenhouses. If you want to save some money, you can make your own planters by using toilet paper rolls cut in half or cut paper towel rolls. You can also make your own out of newspaper. (To find out how, visit [http://www.ehow.com/video\\_1745\\_create-seed-starting.html](http://www.ehow.com/video_1745_create-seed-starting.html))

**Soil** - Whether you are planting in pots or your backyard, you will need some soil. The soil will vary depending on the type of gardening you choose. When in doubt, for containers, use an all-purpose potting soil. For outdoors, some compost and all-purpose gardening soil will work nicely.

**Trowel** - This little hand tool is something you won't want to be without, for planting and transplanting your seedlings.

**Tomato Cages** - You will want these if you have any plant that needs to be trellised or staked. They come in various sizes.

**Watering Can** - You will need this for seedlings and container plants.

**Containers (For Container Gardening)** - Get creative with the types of containers, but make sure the container you choose is big enough for the plant you plan to put in it.

**Hoe (For Backyard Gardening)** - Makes the work of preparing your soil much easier.

**Water Hose (For Backyard Gardening)**

**Sprinkler (For Backyard Gardening)**