

Spring into Gardening!

If you've always wanted to learn how to plant your own garden, now is the perfect time to do so! With Earth Day coming up on April 22, a great way to celebrate is by beginning to plan your garden. Whether you want to plant flowers or you're looking to grow your own ingredients, this step-by-step guide will help you make the garden of your dreams.

STEP 1



PICK YOUR LOCATION

Before you plant your garden, make sure you find a spot that has enough exposure to sunlight, plenty of space for the plants to grow, and the right kind of soil for the plants you are planning to grow. Different plants require different types of soil, so you'll want to check the consistency and pH. Visit your local garden center for help preparing your soil.

PLAN YOUR GARDEN

Once you have determined the conditions of your garden's location, you'll want to research which types of plants will thrive in the environment. Find plants whose preferred growing conditions closely match the location you're able to provide. You may also want to consider your level of expertise, and grow plants that are suitable for your experience.



STEP 2

STEP 3



DECIDE YOUR PLANTING DATES

Since different plants should be grown at different times of the year, you'll want to create a gardening schedule. After you've compiled a list of plants that you're interested in growing, look at the back of each seed packet to plan out the planting dates.

PLANT YOUR SEEDS

Now that you've decided on where your garden will be located and what you want to grow, it's time to plant your seeds! Follow the instructions on the back of the seed packets to ensure you're planting them correctly!



STEP 4

DID YOU KNOW?

The color of hydrangeas depends on the pH level of the soil.

STEP 5



TEND TO YOUR GARDEN

Make sure you keep up with caring for your garden, and continue to check on the plants to ensure the conditions are adequate for growing. Remember to water whenever necessary, and weed the garden as often as possible.

PICK YOUR CROPS

If you've decided to plant something edible or you'd like to create a flower bouquet, keep an eye on your garden. Pick the crops when they reach your preferred size.



STEP 6

STEP 7



DECORATE

If you'd like to add some flair to your garden, check out the garden decorations at your local garden center! Adding a fence to your garden will not only make it look nice, it'll keep pests out too! You can also scatter a few painted rocks around the garden to give it a pop of color. However you decide to decorate your garden, be creative and have fun!

Tool Checklist

- Edger
- Gardening Gloves
- Garden Hoe
- Gardening Mat
- Garden Rake
- Hand Fork or Cultivator
- Long-Handled Shovel
- Pruning Shears
- Trimming Scissors
- Trowel
- Watering Can
- Wheelbarrow
- Weeder

Build Your Backyard Oasis

Recommended Seeds for Planting this Spring in CNY



Flowers:

- Gladiolus
- Hydrangea
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Morning Glory
- Pansy
- Petunia
- Primrose
- Sunflower
- Sweet Pea
- Zinnia



Fruit/Vegetables:

- Bell Pepper
- Broccoli
- Cantaloupe
- Cauliflower
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Pumpkin
- Tomato
- Watermelon



Herbs:

- Basil
- Caraway
- Chamomile
- Chervil
- Chive
- Cilantro
- Dill
- Oregano
- Parsley
- Rosemary
- Sage

See specific planting instructions on seed packets.



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