

# Edible Landscaping: Where to Begin Beautiful Food Gardening



Are you ready to transform your backyard into a vibrant, edible oasis? Edible landscaping is the art of designing and maintaining a landscape that not only looks beautiful but also provides you with fresh, organic food. It's a sustainable and rewarding way to enjoy the beauty of nature while nourishing your body and soul.

## Where to Begin

Getting started with edible landscaping can seem overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Here are a few simple steps to help you get started:



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1. **Choose a sunny spot:** Most edible plants need at least 6 hours of sunlight per day.
2. **Prepare your soil:** Amend your soil with compost or manure to improve drainage and fertility.
3. **Plan your layout:** Decide which plants you want to grow and where you want to place them. Consider companion planting to maximize space and productivity.
4. **Plant your garden:** Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the top of the root ball is level with the ground. Water your plants well after planting.
5. **Care for your garden:** Water your plants regularly, especially during hot weather. Fertilize your plants every few weeks with a balanced

fertilizer. Weed your garden regularly to prevent competition for nutrients and water.

## Beautiful and Bountiful Edibles

There are endless possibilities when it comes to choosing edible plants for your landscape. Here are a few of our favorites:

- **Fruits:** Apples, pears, peaches, berries, and grapes are all beautiful and productive fruit trees and vines.
- **Vegetables:** Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, and beans are all popular and easy-to-grow vegetables.
- **Herbs:** Basil, oregano, thyme, and rosemary are all flavorful and aromatic herbs that can be used in cooking or teas.
- **Flowers:** Many flowers are edible, including nasturtiums, pansies, and marigolds. These flowers can add color and beauty to your landscape while providing you with edible blossoms.

## Sustainable and Rewarding

Edible landscaping is not only beautiful but also sustainable. By growing your own food, you can reduce your environmental impact, save money, and improve your health. Here are a few of the benefits of edible landscaping:

- **Reduces your environmental impact:** Growing your own food helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption, and waste.
- **Saves you money:** Growing your own food can save you a significant amount of money on your grocery bill.

- **Improves your health:** Eating fresh, organic food is essential for good health. Growing your own food ensures that you have access to the freshest, most nutritious produce possible.

Edible landscaping is a beautiful, sustainable, and rewarding way to enjoy the bounty of nature. By following these simple steps, you can create a thriving edible landscape that will provide you with fresh, organic food for years to come.

So what are you waiting for? Get started on your edible landscaping journey today!



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