



Where to Plant a Garden

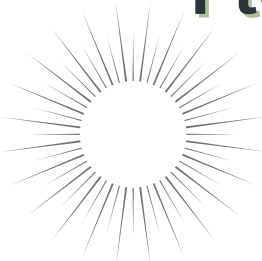
How to use this guide

Step 1: Read guide

Step 2: Observe your property

Step 3: Write down a few options

Step 4: Make a quick garden sketch



Sun

Your garden needs full sun. What's that? At least 6 hours, but ideally 8-10 of sunlight. South facing sun is best. Consider structures, fences and trees that cast shade in summer months. Don't forget to look at your side and front yard for ideal sun locations.



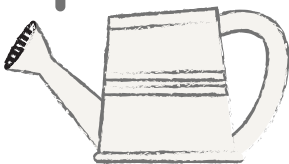
Soil

A level location is ideal, but a slight slope can work if you plant beds running horizontal to the slope. Good drainage is also important. Don't choose a spot that gets soggy in a hard rain. Raised beds work if you have a very wet yard.



Home

Out of sight out of mind. The best location is one close to your house that you can see from your kitchen or living area. Seeing a ripe tomato or flower ready to pick draws you outside to spend more time in your garden.



Water

Choosing a spot with easy access to water is ideal. Installing a simple drip hose system is a great way to simplify watering your garden too.



Environment

What wildlife might try to share your garden bounty? Will neighbors' dogs be walking by that might try to use your garden for their "business"? Do snow plows dump snow piles with salt on your lawn? What outside factors might influence your best location?



