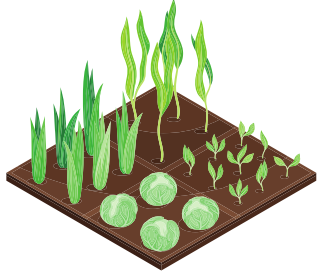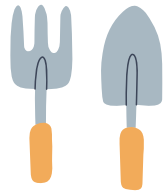# How to start a garden
on a budget

Start Small
Try a small sunken
bed or 1-2 containers

Reuse & Recycle
Use items you already
have as planters
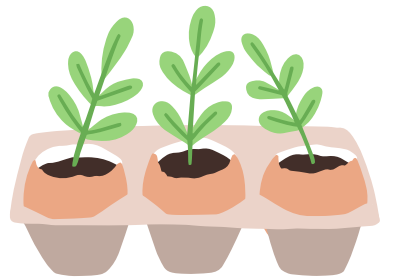
Swap Seeds & Plants
Trade seeds or cuttings
with others

Make Your Own Compost
Compost scraps &
yard waste

Choose Perennials
They come back year after year

Grow from Seeds
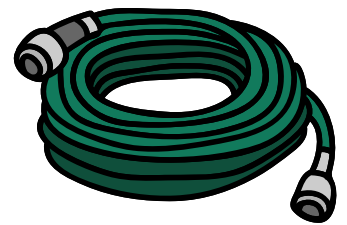It's cheaper than buying
transplants

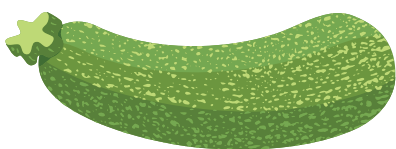**Use Mulch**
You'll use less water!
(Try Chipdrop for free mulch)

DIY Trellises
Build or use what you
have on hand

Water Wisely
Water in the morning to
reduce evaporation

Choose High Yield Crops
Grow veggies that produce
a lot of food

Use Natural Pest Control
Use companion planting to
help with pests

Learn as You Grow
Experiment & learn from
your mistakes