



Growing Guru



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MY FAVORITE ITEMS FOR GARDENING

Gardening is a lot easier and more fun if you have tools or items that function well as you work. In addition to the [USUAL VITAL GARDEN TOOLS](#) that one has for pruning, shoveling, raking, and watering, I really appreciate my nitrile-coated gloves, my folding kneeler, my hori hori dirt knife, and my stack of buckets. However, here are some of my least expensive, favorite, and most used items in my gardening endeavors.

- A cement mixing tray or large litter box for mixing and catching soil and potting mix.
- A screen made of mesh wire stapled to wood frame for sieving roots and rocks out of soil or potting mix to reuse.
- A plastic drumstick to use as a dibble (before I even knew there was a word for this seed and seedling planting device).
- A milk jug with holes ice-picked into the cap for gentle watering of seedlings or other plants.



- Old aluminum pots for potting projects or for moving earthworms to my compost.
- OXO grapefruit knife for separating plant clumps or removing weeds from the garden or lawn.

Putting my list together prompted me to see what others recommend that I might want to acquire (if the price were right). [Good Housekeeping](#) suggests an herb snip and a seed and seedling spacing tool. [Country Living](#) mentions an electric leaf mulcher. [Oprah Daily](#) mentioned ergonomic hand tools for those with arthritic or weak hand strength. And I sure wish I had a need for the tripod ladder recommended by [Fine Gardening](#).