

Gardentime™

At Home Outdoors

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grins

If you love to garden, just say "sow,"
Scatter the seeds and watch them grow.
Just add sunshine, water and fun,
You'll discover a "lot" before the day is done.



And while you wait for plants to appear,
Try solving the riddles you'll find right here!
Or, write your own riddles, in neat little rows,
With punchlines that make you say "Hoe. Hoe. Hoe!"

What gets bigger the more you take away?

A hole

What runs without getting tired?

Water

What is one of the most musical insects?

A humbug

What does the letter "A" have in common with a flower?

They both have bees coming after them.

What do you call a country where all the people drive pink cars?

A pink car-nation

April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims

What is one good reason not to iron a four-leaf clover?

You don't want to press your luck.

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Pumpkin pi

How do you ship vegetables?

Send them by Parsley Post.

What vegetable calls for a plumber?

A leek



like a breath of fresh air
gardening is good for kids of all ages



"There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colors are brighter, the air softer and the morning more fragrant than ever again."

— Elizabeth Lawrence

Gardening brings out the child in all of us. It's a timeless celebration of long summer days, cauliflower bouquets and carrot-chasing cottontails. It's an excuse to dig in the dirt, bask in the sun, roll up your sleeves and harvest the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor. You'll be rewarded with good food, good health and good old-fashioned fun.

When you involve the whole family in gardening, you're encouraging them to cultivate a healthful habit. Invite kids of any age to dig up dandelions, plant memories and maybe even unearth a worm or two. Gardening is learning and recess rolled into one. So why should grownups have all the fun?

plan

a
culinary
adventure

Garden-fresh produce tastes so delicious you may forget that it's good for you.

Jazz up a plain potato with a sprinkling of just-picked chives. Sample a salad that is packed with crisp greens and ripe tomatoes. Enhance a favorite recipe with aromatic herbs and whip up a sweet strawberry shortcake dessert.

A delicious harvest of healthful and flavorful herbs, fruits and vegetables can be as close as your own backyard.

flavor

For a gourmet touch, just add herbs.

Herbs are easy to grow – inside or out. Plant them near the kitchen for convenient access. You can dry them, freeze them or enjoy them fresh from the garden. Experiment with varied combinations and flavors. Rosemary is great for seasoning fish, chicken, lamb, veal, pork and game. It enhances the flavor of cheeses, eggs and vegetables. You can even put a few twigs of rosemary in lemonade for a refreshing drink. Thyme lends a distinct flavor to meat, poultry and fish. It thrives in light, well-drained soil and direct sunshine. Here are a few more kitchen-friendly herbs:



Full Sun

- Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*)
- Cilantro (*Coriandrum sativum*)
- Dill (*Anethum graveolens*)
- Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*)
- Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*)
- Sage (*Salvia*)
- Thyme (*Thymus*)



Partial Shade

- Bay laurel (*Laurus nobilis*)

Full Sun to Partial Shade

- Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
- Mint (*Mentha*)
- Tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculus*)



variety

"Five a Day" is just the beginning!

Bypass the grocer and treat yourself to Mother Nature's produce department. You can add a new "aisle" each year. Spend the off-seasons planning new plantings. With a little organization, you can enjoy a steady succession of new treats as they're in season. Or, cultivate even more variety in an "open year-round" greenhouse.



Berries.

From blueberries to bush cherries, fruitful shrubs can be a tasty alternative to traditional flowering shrub borders.



Leafy vegetables.

Rhubarb, kale, cabbage, asparagus and other foliage can add color to landscape borders and dinner tables.



Decorative Vegetables.

Eggplant, peppers, tomatoes and radishes can be as ornamental as they are healthful.



Fruit vines.

Grapes, kiwi and other vines can yield abundant fruit while lending shade and style to trellises and arbors.



Fruit and nut trees.

Check with a nearby nursery for advice about the best types of trees and plants for local growing conditions.

plant

a
childhood
memory

Mud, bugs and squishable slugs. What's not to love about gardening? Set aside a small pot or a big plot that's just for kids. Whether they're toddlers or teens, it's a recipe for fun. Give them a handful of seeds, add a bucket of water and harvest a basket of veggies and fruit. Whatever they plant, chances are, they'll love gardening. In fact, with a little luck, they may even bury the remote control. And, with a little prodding, they might even learn to like Brussels sprouts!

mud

It's okay to play in the dirt.

This is more fun than video games! Kids of all ages can grow to love gardening. Smaller children will need their own tools, available in many retail outlets. Or, just use an old spoon. To keep it fun, keep it simple. Consider larger, easy-to-handle seeds. Sunflowers, watermelons and pumpkins are easy to plant and grow quickly. Let kids create colorful labels and waterproof them with clear tape. Older kids may want to make creative labels, too, or learn how to tell time on a sundial. They might also enjoy "recipe gardens," such as a pizza garden with everything from green peppers to tomatoes, or a salsa garden, with tomatillos, cilantro, garlic and other zesty ingredients.

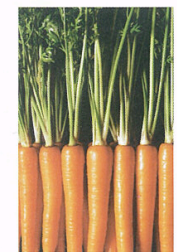


snacks

Dig, plant, water, tug, pull, rinse, crunch and munch.

Vegetables are exciting to plant because it's fun to eat what you grow! Most kids are more likely to enjoy munching on radishes and carrots that they grow themselves. And, you'd be amazed how many fresh veggies they'll try in one "I grew it myself" lettuce salad!

Kids love to "discover" buried treasures and hidden harvests, not to mention the sheer fun of pulling up potatoes, beets or carrots from the ground. They'll love watching squash or cucumbers grow and flower. The remarkable process will definitely impress them.



secrets

Come out, come out, wherever you are!

Gardens can make great hiding places and getaways that awaken a child's imagination. You can create a meandering maze of bricks and shrubs or a path that leads to a secret playhouse. No matter how simple, a playhouse is a child's dream come true. Build it yourself or let children create their own "teepee" of sunflower plants or ivy vines tied to a center pole. Or, prune away a kids-only cubbyhole inside overgrown shrubs in an out-of-the-way corner. Build yet another hiding place by growing vines across a low trellis.

Include plenty of tall, brightly colored flowers and colorful accents. Let the kids help you build their scariest scarecrow or paint a handcrafted bird feeder.

