

Edible landscaping can be just as beautiful, if not more so, than traditional landscaping. Break the edible garden stereotype and ditch the classic farm rows—be creative! Use height, color, and size to your advantage.



Why plant edibles and herbs in your yard?

When it's coming from your own backyard, "eating local" is never easier! The health and organic quality of your produce is ensured from the get-go, and you can enjoy the edibles and herbs at their natural peak, tasting the freshness that stores do not always supply. Plus, harvesting from the backyard, you can save money!

Will planting edibles be good for my soil?

You bet! Planting different kinds of plants will help put different nutrients back into your soil. However, if you do have poor soil or want to plant in a difficult area, look into building a raised bed. They are easier to work around and the added compost and soil is bound to increase the planting's fertility.



How can I make it appealing to the eye?

Edibles are appealing in any yard! Not only do the colors, shapes, and sizes of produce vary greatly, but also do the plants themselves. If you have a small space and want to add a quaint touch, consider using wooden half barrels, which can easily be moved around your yard or patio.

Do I have to be careful of when and where to plant edibles?

As with any other plant, be cautious of the edibles' needs. Different edibles grow in different seasons, so check the seed package or ask your local nursery for information. If your soil is poor, raised planter boxes will help with drainage and root development. You can also consider using "companion planting", or pairing up certain plants, to increase productivity.

Are you considering ornamental grass for your yard?

Why not make it edible, too! Chives, garlic chives, Indian rice grass, society garlic, garlic, and lemongrass are great choices. Not only do they add some flare, but their smell can repel insects.

Naturally Beautiful Backyards

Environmental Services' Naturally Beautiful Backyards (NBB) program promotes the creation of healthy and productive ecosystems in residential yards and gardens by providing education on earth-friendly gardening techniques. Using earth-friendly gardening techniques can greatly reduce the use of synthetic chemicals, increase beneficial organism activity, enhance habitat and wildlife areas, and contribute to the overall health of the community.

The NBB Program promotes six primary earth-friendly gardening techniques:

- Tolerate minimal damage from pests.
- Build and maintain healthy soil.
- Use chemicals as a last resort.
- Use native plants when possible.
- Attract Beneficial Insects.
- Conserve water.

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Natural Gardens at Pacific Park



Garden 1: Edibles and Herbs



Species List:

- Evergreen Huckleberry
Vaccinium Parvifolium
- Blueberry
Blueberry 'Northsky'
- Neon Flash Spirea
Spirea 'Neon Flash'
- Catmint
Nepeta
- Thyme
Thymus 'Silver Edge'
- Lavender
Lavandula Augustifolia 'Hidcote'
- Linaria
Linaria 'Butter And Eggs'
- Blue Star Creeper
Isotoma Fluviatillis 'Blue Star'
- Candytuft
Iberis Sempervirens
- Chives
Allium Schoenoprasum
- Evergreen
Chaemacyparis?
- Hardy Kiwi
Actinidia Arguta
- Walking Onion
Allium Ceba 'Proliferum'
- Pear Dwarf Anjou
Pear 'D'Anjou'
- Pear
Pear (Semi-Dwarf) 'Flemish Beauty'
- Raspberry
Rubus
- Rhubarb
Rheum Rhabarbarum
- Golden Variegated Sage
Salvia Officinalis 'Icterina'
- Strawberry
Fragaria Chiloensis

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