



Develop a Vegetable Garden in a Small Backyard Setting

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SITE SELECTION

EAST TO WEST BEST

6 TO 8 HOURS OF SUN

EASY ACCESSIBILITY

CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOUSE

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

SET A BUDGET

IN GROUND

GARDEN BOXES (Materials)

STRAW BALE GARDEN

INTEGRATE WITH LANDSCAPE

CONTAINERS

CLASS EXERCISE

HAND DRAW BACKYARD PLAN

SITE PREPARATION

DRAINAGE

SOIL CONDITION

PLANTING MIX

AMENDMENTS

FERTILIZATION

WATERING OPTIONS

PLANTING/HARVESTING

WHAT IS YOUR LAST FREEZE DATE?

PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM COLD

PLANT SELECTION (WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GROW)

PERENNIAL VS ANNUAL PLANTS

START FROM SEED OR BUY PLANTS

GROW CROPS THAT PRODUCE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FOOD IN YOUR SPACE

BUSH TYPE PLANTS - TOMATO/CUCUMBER/MELON

PLAN PLACEMENT ACCORDING TO PLANT HEIGHT

LAY OUT WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM AT PLANTING TIME

PROVIDE SUPPORT, CAGES, ETC

SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

KEEP A DETAILED PLANTING JOURNAL BY YEAR

MAINTENANCE

CHECK IRRIGATION SYSTEM REGULARLY

KEEP WEEDS OUT

MULCH PLANTS

PROTECT PLANTS FROM WILDLIFE

WEBSITES

cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/agriculture/soil_and_plant_tissue_testing

ipm.ucdavis.edu

QUESTIONS