

Garden Success Planner

Don't overthink it. Just work through these simple steps!

Step 1: Find Your Growing Space

Before choosing plants, figure out where your garden can actually go.

☐ Watch where the sun shines throughout the day.

Early AM Notes:

Late AM/Noon:

3 PM:

6/7 PM:

☐ Choose an area that receives **6-8 hours of direct sunlight** (more is usually better for vegetables). Or vegetables that handle more shade.

☐ Make note of nearby trees, fences, or buildings that create shade.

My Garden Location(s): _____

Step 2: Measure Your Space

Knowing how much room you have helps prevent buying more plants than you can realistically grow.

Length: _____

Width: _____

Approximate Square Feet: _____

OR

Container Space:

☐ Patio

☐ Deck

☐ Balcony

☐ Porch

☐ Other: _____

Additional Notes& Measurements:

Step 3: Think About What You Actually Eat

Before buying seeds, make a list of fruits, vegetables, and herbs your household already enjoys.

Our Favorites:

Step 4: Decide What to Grow

Now narrow your list to a few beginner-friendly crops that fit your space and your family's tastes.

I Want to Grow

☐ _____ ☐ _____

☐ _____ ☐ _____

☐ _____ ☐ _____

☐ _____ ☐ _____

Step 5: Choose Your Garden Style

There is no "right" choice – pick what works best for your yard, budget, and lifestyle.

- ☐ In-Ground Rows or Beds
- ☐ Raised Beds
- ☐ Containers
- ☐ A Combination of All Three

Step 6: Keep It Small

It's tempting to plant everything your first year. Resist the urge!

Choose just **5 – 10 crops** (or even fewer) so you can learn without becoming overwhelmed.

Remember: It's much more fun to wish you had planted one more tomato than to wonder why you somehow ended up harvesting 47 zucchini.

Next Steps

- ✓ Prepare your garden.
- ✓ Buy seeds or plants.
- ✓ Start planting!
- ✓ Most importantly... enjoy the process.

Small Steps. Meaningful Rewards.