






A Garden for Every Space

Type of Garden	Pros	Cons	Additional Resources
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start seeds in the winter for spring gardens • Herbs and salad greens can be grown indoors year-round • Does not require an outside garden space • Very little maintenance • An inexpensive shop light can be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunlight from a window is not usually enough • A shop light takes up space • Requires regular watering and use of electricity 	<p>For a step by step video on starting seeds indoors and additional tips on indoor gardens: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/starting-vegetable-seeds-indoors</p> <p>For more information on growing indoor gardens: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/getting-started-lights-action</p> <p>For information on building an inexpensive indoor garden light stand: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/pvc-light-stand</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many different crops can be grown in containers • Convenient • Can be used most anywhere: balcony, deck, stoop, concrete pad, or any place outdoors • Easy maintenance • Fewer weeds, insects and disease problems • Can protect gardens from the weather, when needed • Different options for the space available, such as a salad table, window box, recycled food containers and buckets, or garden bags • No digging, tilling in the ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May require more frequent watering • Some limitations on what can be grown in containers 	<p>More information on gardens in small spaces: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/container-vegetable-gardening-healthy-harvests-small-spaces</p> <p>Getting started with container gardens: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/getting-started-container-vegetable-gardening</p> <p>Types of container gardens: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/grow-it-eat-it/types-containers</p> <p>Make your own self-watering container garden: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/self-watering-containers-converting-5-gallon-bucket-mini-garden</p> <p>Cool container vegetable gardens: https://extension.umd.edu/learn/cool-container-vegetable-gardens</p>
			
			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat and tidy garden space • Gives structure and permanence to the garden space • No tilling – can build on top of the ground • Easy access to the garden • Easier to weed and water • Can grow more per square feet of garden space • No need for paths for walking between plants • Can be raised to easy-to-reach heights • Can be built from un-treated lumber, plastic, or blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May still have weeds • Requires an outdoor space • Regular watering is required 	<p>How to build a raised bed: https://extension.umd.edu/news/video/how-build-raised-bed</p> <p>Getting Started in 5 steps: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/get-started-5-steps-step-1-planning-your-garden</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great variety of vegetables can be grown • No space limitations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires more space in the yard • The ground needs to be tilled, or cultivated prior to planting • Weeds and pests are more difficult to control • Paths are needed between rows to get to vegetables for care and harvesting • More labor-intensive for planting and care 	<p>Getting started in 5 steps: https://extension.umd.edu/growit/food-gardening-101/get-started-5-steps-step-1-planning-your-garden</p>

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