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# The Agriculture Report

## Grow With Us!

### Backyard Gardening tips

It is VERY important to have a garden plan when designing your own backyard garden!

What is a garden plan you ask? Simply put, a garden plan is a detailed proposal created by you, the gardener, for the purpose of establishing a fully functional backyard garden.

#### A few things to consider when drafting your garden plan

- Creating a realistic budget for your project
- What crops should you plant? To figure this out, prepare a grocery list of your own to see which vegetables you use commonly and how much of it you consume
- Knowing how much you eat makes it easier to determine the quantity of plants to add to your garden
- Location vs Type of crop – Fully understanding your agricultural/climatic region and creating the perfect environment for your desired crop
- How sunny is your yard? Always make a note of areas that receive full sunlight vs areas that are shaded for hours throughout the day
- Knowing the planting and harvest dates for each crop you choose to plant
- How big do you want your garden?
- Are you close to a source of water?

#### Easily grown crops to consider for your garden!

- Beans
- Squash
- Cucumber
- Pumpkin
- Leafy greens
- Zucchini
- Beets
- Radish
- Green Onion
- Cabbage
- Tomatoes
- Peppers

#### Activity

Create a chart for the yearly seasons!

Dry Season Months	Rainy Season Months	Cold Season Months
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This will assist you with knowing when to sow your seeds or transplant your seedlings, as some crops prefer warmer seasons while other crops prefer cooler seasons.

#### Did you know?

Tomatoes, grapes, kiwis, avocados, peppers, eggplants and guavas are some fruits that are considered botanical berries?

#### Remember....

Crops like potatoes, pumpkin, cucumber and squash require lots of space to grow. This means that they are not ideal crops for raised bed production.

In order to establish a successful garden, you will need the following:

- A full garden plan
- Gardening tools
- Space
- Knowledge on the techniques you will use
- Patience!