

How to Garden without Land

in 9 Easy Steps

Step 1: Pick your plant

- Grow what you eat, and you'll love what you grow!
- Check what plants do well in Zone 9 and 10
- Start from seeds, or buy a plant from a local nursery
- PRO TIP: Plant native, and attract pollinators

Step 2: Choose a container

- Research what shape, size, and material are best for YOUR plant
- Upcycle a household item, thrift pottery, or buy from a local nursery
- Consider how you will drain water

Step 3: Find the right spot in your home

- Research needed amount of sunlight and space and direction YOUR plant should face
- SDPZ RECOMMENDS: Think vertically, e.g. hanging kitchen garden or outdoor trellis bed

Step 6: Establish a watering schedule

- Research how much water YOUR plant needs
- Can use charcoal or rocks under the soil to drain
- PRO TIP: Write down plant care needs, keep nearby, and set alarms to water

Step 5: Time to plant!

- Make a hole in the middle of the soil, make base of the stem level with the top of the container
- Include your family and/or friends and play classical music to stimulate growth!

Step 4: Soil for success!

- The type of media - such as top soil, perlite, or coconut coir - depends on plant age and type
- Re-pot nursery plant at home in new soil
- Check your soil for bugs

Step 7: Green Waste and Composting

- Use your City-provided green bin and pail and follow SB1383 guidelines
- [Learn how to compost with FREE resources, workshops and webinars](#), incl. Master Composter, with Solana Center
- PRO TIP: City residents can pick up a FREE cubic yard of compost everyday from Miramar Greenery

Step 8: Prune and Problem Solve

- Look out for: splotchy leaves, ant farms, pillbugs (aka roly poly), and stem discoloration
- Prune lightly and avoid pesticides
- PRO TIP: Ask a Master Gardener via mastergardenersd.org or call the hotline, (858) 822-6910, questions will be answered for FREE!

Step 9: Harvest & share the bounty

- Pick when ripe - every crop is different, but green is normally early, wait until color changes
- Read the Promise Zone guide on Victory Gardening
- PRO TIP: Harvest your seeds and create a native seed library in your neighborhood!