

# Even a Small Outdoor Area Can Become a Productive Garden

Have you ever looked at your tiny outdoor area and thought there's no way you could ever grow anything in there? Well, think again. With a little creativity, even the smallest outdoor space can be transformed into a productive garden. Whether you're thinking of growing your favorite herbs or veggies, there are many ways to get the most out of your limited space. Here are a few tips to get you started.

## 1. Plan for a Garden From the Design Stage

When you're planning to build a new home, take the time to consider how you can incorporate a garden into your design. You can do this by working with a design-build firm. Design-build companies have a team of experts who handle [everything from start to finish](#) on a house project. This means they can work with you to come up with a plan that will include a garden area that makes the most of your space.

For example, if you have a small plot of land, the experts at a design-build company can work with you to create an L-shaped garden that will give you plenty of room to grow your favorite plants.

## 2. Consider Vertical Gardening

Another option is to create a vertical garden. This type of garden is perfect for small spaces because it takes up very little ground space. There are many different ways to create a vertical garden, such as installing trellises, hanging up baskets, or even stacking pots on top of each other. Not only does this save space, but it also makes your garden more eye-catching and unique.

If you're interested in vertical gardening, then be sure to do some research on the best plants for this type of gardening. Some plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and beans, are well-suited for vertical growth. Others, such as lettuce and spinach, may not do as well.

### **3. Work to Minimize Soil Erosion**

Soil erosion is a common problem in small gardens. It takes away valuable nutrients from the soil and can make it difficult for plants to grow. The [two major factors](#) that determine the rate of erosion are the amount of bare ground and the length of time the soil is exposed. There are several ways to reduce erosion in your garden, such as adding mulch or using ground cover plants. Mulch is any material, such as wood chips, that you place on top of the soil to protect it from erosion. Ground cover plants spread out and cover the ground, which also helps to reduce erosion.

If you have a sloped garden, then erosion will be a bigger problem. In this case, you'll need to take extra measures to prevent it. One option is to try and reduce the slope of your garden. This can be done by terracing or using retaining walls.

### **4. Use Companion Planting**

Companion planting is a gardening technique that involves planting two or more different plants close together. This can have several benefits, such as deterring pests, improving the health of the plants, and even increasing yields. When companion planting, it's important to choose plants that have complementary needs. For example, you wouldn't want to plant a water-loving plant next to a drought-tolerant one.

There are many different combinations of plants that can be used for companion planting. Some popular combinations include tomatoes and basil, carrots and onions, and cabbage and

celery.

## 5. Renovate Your Old Garden

According to iPropertyManagement, [28% of property owners](#) believe renovating is a less expensive choice than purchasing a property that better meets their needs. Well, this rings true for gardens as well. If you have an existing garden that isn't as productive as you'd like, then consider giving it a makeover.

Start by getting a soil test to see what nutrients your soil is lacking. Then, add some compost or other organic matter to the soil to improve its quality. Once you've done that, you can start planning what you'll plant in your garden. Be sure to choose plants that are well-suited for your climate and soil type.

No matter what type of space you have to work with, there's a way to turn it into a productive garden. By following these tips, you'll be on your way to growing your own herbs, veggies, or flowers in no time. So, get out there and start gardening.