

BENEFITS

Want to grow your own healthy vegetables? You can!

- ✓ Use pots, raised beds, or the smallest footprint of space in the ground
- ✓ Strawberries, lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, beans, even dwarf blueberries, are some of the produce you can grow in limited garden spaces

Need some outdoor time to relax?

- ✓ Create a privacy hedge around the edge of the patio with raised planters
- ✓ Sit and enjoy the cooling effect of the greenery

Want to commune with nature?

- ✓ Colorful pots on a small patio that hold flowering plants can attract birds and butterflies for your entertainment
- ✓ Herbs that attract pollinators include bee balm, chives, fennel, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage and thyme
- ✓ Use herbs for cooking and let some flower to watch the show!

For Small Space Gardening Resources, conduct the following searches:

- Basic Herbs for a Kitchen Garden
- Container Gardening Basics – UC ANR
- Citrus in a Pot – UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa
- Grow a Family Garden
- Espalier Gardening – The Real Dirt Blog



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LIMITED SPACE GARDENING IS POSSIBLE

When planting space is limited, there are many ways to create a garden. All plants have the same basic requirements. Whether planted in a raised bed, a large planter or in the ground, the critical essential elements are:

- ✓ Appropriate light for the plant
- ✓ Adequate water
- ✓ Supply of nutrients
- ✓ Healthy soil
- ✓ Some varieties of plants may need wind protection

What type of garden would you like to have – flowers, vegetables, fruit? The amount of space you have available to use - a window ledge, balcony, narrow side yard - all can become garden spaces with a little ingenuity.

Other than the basics – sun, soil and water - there are no hard and fast rules for creating the ideal garden for your setting.

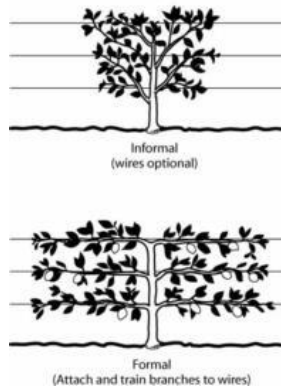
Be sure to research the plants you want to grow, to ensure their size is appropriate for the space you have. There are many new varieties of plants, including fruit trees and vegetables, that have been adapted to grow in small spaces.

TECHNIQUES

- Containers: ceramic, plastic, concrete, pottery, recycled food tubs . . . anything with drainage holes will work



- Grow bags with handles can be moved around as needed
- Espalier trees or shrubs



- Narrow strips of land can support many different types of plants

VERTICAL GARDENS



- Balconies
- Hanging plants
- Vertical planting walls



- Ladders
- Outdoor shelves
- Double or triple your planting space by going up