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Growing Healthy Produce with Limited Space

Regardless of our size and scale, soil will be a major determinant in crop quality and production. With small spaces, container gardening, etc. we need to consider the limitations of our soil volume. With that in mind we want to build a soil that stores nutrients for sustained production. If we are using premixed potting soil; it is a good idea to consider using fish fertilizers and/or rock amendments that supply trace minerals and full spectrum fertility. For more information about soil management; please see the Brix Bounty tip sheet focusing on Growing Nutrient Dense Foods.



Starting a New Garden

Lasagna Gardening website - http://ourgardengang.tripod.com/lasagna_gardening.htm with link to article published in Mother Earth News back in 1999 by the author Patricia Lanza - http://www.motherearthnews.com/Organic-Gardening.aspx

Growing Vegetables with Limited Space

Grow Biointensive with John Jeavons - http://www.johnjeavons.info/

Small Plot Intensive Farming - http://www.spinfarming.com/

Square Food Gardening - http://www.squarefootgardening.com/

Container Gardening - There is an absolute wealth of information about container gardening on the web...

A good place to start is the Container Gardening Guru - http://containergardeningguru.com/

iVillage Garden Web has a web forum on container gardening - http://forums2.gardenweb.com/forums/contain/

other good resources include the Journey to Forever website (which is a delightful organization focusing on the developing world) - http://journeytoforever.org/garden_con.html

and state extension agencies like Colorado State - http://www.colostate.edu/Dept/CoopExt/4dmg/Plants/contain.htm

or Texas A&M - http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/container/container.html

Recommended Publications (many of these are available through the SAILS Library System and local bookstores)
The All New Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew

Fresh Food From Small Spaces by R.J. Ruppenthal - http://www.chelseagreen.com/bookstore/item/fresh_food_from_small_spaces:paperback

How to Grow More Vegetables... by John Jeavons

Storey Publishing's Country Wisdom Guide - Container Gardening – http://www.storey.com/book_detail.php?isbn=9780882663449&cat=Country&p=40

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Nursery and Garden Supply List – April 2009

Supporting local nurseries and gardens not only strengthens our local economy, but it builds the network of community members focusing on healthy vegetable production. If you are looking for a specific product (i.e. Organic Gem Fish Fertilizer or Hi-Calcium Lime), local retailers are often able to track down what you're looking for if they don't stock it.



This list isn't comprehensive, but it includes a number of local greenhouses/nurseries where you can purchase vegetable seedlings. The traditional season for transplants doesn't kick off until early May.

- ** Operations which start their own seedlings and include a focus on quality vegetable seedlings.
- ** Avant Gardens, 710 High Hill Road, Dartmouth 508-998-8819

Fairhaven True Value, 23 Popes Island, New Bedford – 508-997-3307

Fieldworks, 61 Hixbridge, Westport – 508-636-9336

** Figueiredo's Greenhouse, 698 Pine Hill Road, Westport - 508-636-4084

George's Greenhouse, 291 Slocum Road, Dartmouth - 508-999-3326

Morgado Landscape and Nursery Design Co., 525 Russells Mills Rd., Dartmouth, 508-997-5637

Haskell Nursery, 787 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford - 508-993-0863

- ** Howland Greenhouses, 240 Alden Road, Fairhaven 508-990-3333
- ** Lawrence Greenhouses, 679 Hathaway Road, Dartmouth 508-990-2073

Marvin Grain, 31 Cove Road, Dartmouth – 508-993-7672

Roseland Nursery, 247 Main St., Acushnet - 508-995-4212

Sylvan Nurseries, 1028 Horseneck Road, Westport – 508-636-3397

Quansett Nursery (note: they only sell wholesale) 794 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth – 508-636-6391