

Planning the Family Garden

What is a garden plan?

A garden plan is like a map or guide of what you will grow in your garden. There is no one right way to make a garden plan.

Why have a garden plan?

- Make the most of your space:
 - Find the best spots for your plants
 - Know where there's sun and shade in the garden
 - Avoid planting too close to trees and shrubs
 - Know how close you are to a water supply
- Could likely save time and money
- Makes it easier to add fun, new ideas in the future
- When perennial plants come up each season, you'll know what and where they are

A garden plan often shows the following:

- Size of garden space (this could be as large as you want or as small as a couple of garden containers to grow in)
- Types of plants
 - Annual garden plants
 - Landscape plants like trees and shrubs
- Hardscape – paths, stones, benches, tables, arbors, raised beds, buildings, fences, etc.
- Water supply
- Notes about the garden
- Dates for planting

Things to do together to start your family garden plan:

- Look at seed catalogs and learn what plants grow well in your area
- Take a class or call your local Extension office with any questions
- Talk about what plants you want to grow
- Take a walk together around your garden space and talk about where plants should grow
- Map your garden. Get creative! Make it on paper, on the computer, a 3-D model; however you can best design your family garden plan.

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