Local Community Gardens

Conyngham Street Community Garden

The Conyngham Street Community Garden is a City of Burnside initiative. Volunteers meet weekly on Thursdays from 9.30 am to 11 am. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Council at **communitydevelopment@burnside.sa.gov.au**

Laurel Avenue Community Garden

Open to visitors daily from dawn until dusk. Join for weekly gatherings on Thursdays at 9.30 am, Saturdays at 9 am and Sundays at 4 pm. Contact the Linden Park Community Garden Association for information **membership@lindengarden.org.au**

Chapel Street Community Garden

Chapel Street Community Garden Inc. (CSCG Inc.) is a community initiative created in 2012 with support from Morialta Uniting Church. Contact CSCG for information **chapelstgarden@morialtauca.org.au** or visit the garden on a Wednesday 9 am and 12 pm.

Fun Ways to Get Involved

- **Herb Gardens** are perfect for beginners, herbs are easy to grow and great for cooking.
- **Volunteer** at a local community garden.
- **Share your garden's excess produce** with neighbours or create a grow free cart.
- **Contact Council** to start a food swap in your area!
- **Upcycle Containers.** Use old boots, tin cans, or baskets as quirky plant pots.
- **Make a Birdbath.** Welcome feathered friends with a simple DIY birdbath.
- **Join a Community Garden.** Don't have space at home? Check out local community gardens for a shared growing experience.
- **Plant a Tree.** Trees clean the air, provide shade, and create habitat for wildlife.

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Food Gardens

Start your own Food Garden

Gardening goes beyond growing plants – it boosts wellbeing, connects you with nature, and fosters community. Working with plants can reduce stress and anxiety, providing a sense of purpose and achievement.

Community gardens also bring people together. Neighbours can grow food and flowers, share tips and tools, and enjoy the harvest, all while building stronger connections.

Seasonal Advice

Gardening is a year-round hobby, but it's important to plant the right things at the right time! Knowing what to plant and when, can make a big difference in your garden's success. Plan your garden according to the seasons.

- **Spring:** Start with cool-weather crops like lettuce, spinach, and peas.
- **Summer:** Grow warm-weather plants like tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.
- **Autumn:** Transition to heartier crops like carrots, kale, and pumpkins.
- **Winter:** In mild climates, plant winter greens, or use this time to prepare your garden beds for the next growing season!

8 Tips for First Time Gardeners

1. **Find the Right Spot.** Pick a sunny area for most vegetables and native plants. Aim for 6-8 hours of sunlight daily.
2. **Start Small.** Easy-to-grow plants like tomatoes, salad greens, and herbs are perfect for beginners.
3. **Attract Good Bugs.** Plant basil, mint, and marigolds to naturally keep pests away.
4. **Label & Organise.** Keep track of your seeds and plant types to stay organised.
5. **Care for Your Soil.** Add compost or mulch to improve soil health and water retention.
6. **Keep a Garden Journal.** Record what works and what doesn't to help improve next season.
7. **Embrace Weeding.** It's part of the job – pull them out to give your plants room to grow!
8. **Have Fun & Experiment.** Don't stress too much! Gardening is about enjoying the process and learning as you go.

Sustainability Tips

By using native plants, conserving water, and reducing waste, you can create an eco-friendly garden that supports the environment. Sustainable gardening can include:

- **Composting:** Turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into rich compost that helps your plants grow.
- **Conserve Water:** Collect rainwater, water plants in the morning or evening and use mulch to keep the soil moist.
- **Native Plants:** Choose plants that are native to the City of Burnside as they are adapted to local conditions, which means they require less water and fewer chemicals. check out our Local Native Plant Giveaway at **burnsidebiodiversity.com.au**
- **Xeriscaping:** Design your garden with drought-resistant plants to save water.

GROW IT LOCAL

Grow It Local is a community of backyard, balcony, community and window-sill farmers from all over Australia.

Grow It Local Free Seed Service is available to first-time members who register with Grow It Local.

Join our growing community!

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