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The grow local project

Why get in to gardening?



From your own little veggie patch to a school, kindy or community garden – gardening can be one of life’s healthiest pursuits. You move more, feel great, celebrate nature, eat your own produce and it can bring whole neighbourhoods together. Plus, getting your hands dirty can be good, clean fun!

First steps

All you need to get started is a pair of gardening gloves and a little dirt. If you’ve got your own space, that’s great, you’ve come to the right place and you’ll find lots here to get you growing. But there are other options too. You’ll find community gardens all around Queensland – some are run communally, others allow you to rent a personal plot, while still more are a combination of the two. There are also a range of garden spaces you might encounter – from vacant lots, school or kindy grounds and parklands, to rooftops or even car parks! Wherever there’s space, gardeners can take root.

Your first step is to decide what you’d like to do – start your own patch or join an existing garden.

If you’d like to join an existing garden, follow the links below to check out some group gardening projects in your local area.

- Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network Directory
- Brisbane City Council Local Gardens Guide
- Gold Coast City Council Community Gardens
- Regional Councils Interactive Map – Check for initiatives with your local council

If you're keen to start your garden from the ground up – The grow local project guide here is the perfect jumping-off point. Just read on to find out how to get started.

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