

Fruits, Vegetables and Plants to Grow in this Region?

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Growing Plants & Vegetables

- Sustainable Gardening
- Seed or Transplants
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Perennials



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What is sustainable gardening?

Gardening that:

- respects and protects the environment
- conserves non-renewable natural resources

Most sustainable gardening is organic.



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Sustainable Vegetable Gardening Practices

Soil: Amend with compost; use an organic mulch

Water: Monitor and add right amount at right time.

Seeds & seedlings: Direct seed when possible, or grow your own seedlings.

Vegetables: Provide the right amount of sun, fertilizer, water, and space for optimum growth.

Pests, weeds, and disease: Manage with cultural, mechanical, or biological methods . . .
. . . And learn to tolerate some damage.



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Why start from seed?



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How to select healthy plants in the nursery



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Types of tomatoes



Classi
c



Beefsteak



Cherr
v



Paste

Sweet peppers



Karma



Orange
Sun



Corno
di
Toro



Nardello

Eggplant



Green beans, bush and pole



Cucumbers



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Summer squash



Melons



Perennial vegetables

Artichokes



Asparagus



Growing Blueberries



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Water Wise Plants



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California natives



<https://californianativeplants.com/container-workshop-sept2014/>



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California Buckwheat - Eriogonum



www.pinterest.com/pin/235453886739613844/



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<https://inlandvalleygardenplanner.org/plants/eriogonum-umbellatum/>

Rubescens and sulfur



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Bulbs

One type per pot



<https://m.brecks.com/blog/bulbs-going-pots>



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Succulents



www.sunset.com/garden/garden-basics/succulent-plants#urban-chic-succulents



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