



Tips for growing veggies the easy way

Home grown produce is 'in', but novices feel that to become good gardeners, the mountain is too high to climb, much less produce anything edible.

Now, instead of having to start from scratch with seeds, retailers are carrying vegetable plant seedlings in biodegradable pots that have a jump start on the growing process before you plant. So whether you have a garden, raised bed or container, you're halfway to successfully growing your own vegetables.

Planting tips for growing any of the new variety of Bonnie Plants vegetables, including some Asian and Italian varieties, can be found at www.bonnieplants.ca. The first few steps require that you prepare your planting area:

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1. Remove rocks, grass and other debris.
2. Loosen soil to a depth of at least 8 inches, or better yet, 12 inches.
3. Add 3 inches of compost or soil conditioner to improve growing conditions.
4. If your soil is too hard, use a container, or check the website for how to start with fresh, new soil by building your own raised garden bed.

The key is to begin with good soil in a sunny area. Rich, soft soil is needed for roots to grow deeply and soak up the nutrients. You will be amazed at how easy it is to create lush, healthy vegetable plants.

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