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Easy-to-grow outdoor plants



In addition to being easy to grow, marigolds act as a repellent against certain insects like aphids.

Are you a gardening novice looking for some easy-to-grow plant varieties to get started with? Here are a few foolproof options for you to try this summer.

Marigolds

Deep golden yellow marigolds grow easily and require little maintenance: all you'll need to do is remove wilted flowers as they appear and water when the weather gets really hot. Their pungent smell acts as a natural repellent against aphids, among other pests.

Tuberous begonias

Tuberous begonias grow to be about 30 centimetres tall and wide. These bulb plants grow in full sun or partial shade, in fresh, well-drained soil. They come in all sorts of shapes and colours, from yellow to pink to bright red and even white.

Cosmos

These large flowers are perfect for flowerbeds. They bloom throughout the summer and attract butterflies. Plant them in full sun and don't over water, as they prefer a drier soil. Using compost is not recommended for cosmos, which would become too big and require a tutor.

Geraniums

Colourful and easy to care for, geraniums only require a little bit of effort. You'll need to regularly remove wilted flowers and yellow leaves to stimulate healthy growth. Water them with fertilizer-enriched water once the surface of the soil is dry.

Ready to get your hands dirty? For surefire success in the garden, ask the experts at your local plant nursery or garden centre for advice.