

# How to grow a gardener

If you haven't yet introduced your child to the joys of gardening, perhaps this is the year. Gardening combines two things kids love: the dirt and the outdoors. SunlightLaundry.ca shows you how to nurture a lifelong passion in your kids.

## Give them a personal patch

Even if it's just a spot for your toddler to dig a muddy hole or for your nine year-old to examine bugs, having their own garden gives kids a sense of adventure and pride.

## Leave room for good old-fashioned digging

Don't urge your child to fill in all the holes they inevitably dig. Holes make a great landscape feature. Kids can look for worms in holes, bury treasures or add water to attract water bugs, frogs and thirsty birds.

## Guarantee kid gratification

Encourage kids to start some plants from seeds so they can see the growth cycle from seed to bloom (sunflowers are particularly kid-friendly and sprout within eight weeks; radishes within four). So they don't lose interest in the meantime, visit a nursery and let your kids pick out blossoming plants, such as pansies that they can plant in the ground and enjoy now.

## Break the rules

So what if the plant rows are crooked or your child has decided to put tomatoes next to the daisies? Remember that the real beauty of a child's garden is his being able to say, "I did it myself."

## Find a fun theme

Get kids excited by planting a theme garden. Choose plants that attract butter-



flies, and you have a butterfly garden. Choose chocolate cosmos for a chocolatey scent and chocolate mint for a minty scent, and you have an ice-cream sundae garden. Find plants starting with the letters of your child's first name, and you have a "name garden". Be inventive and create your own theme with your child.

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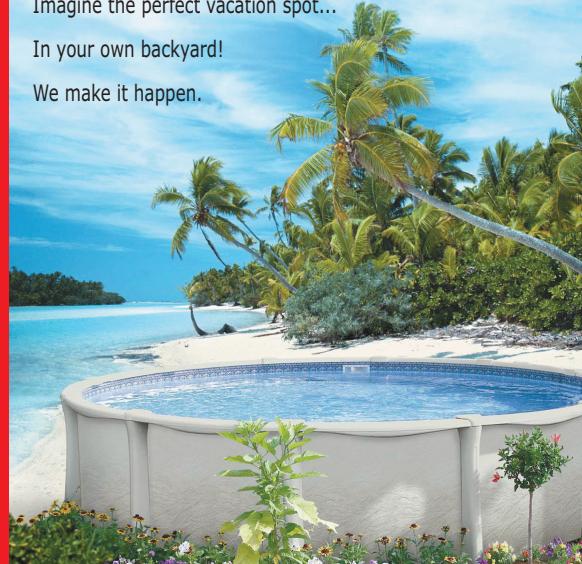
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