



Growing Edible Landscaping

Edible landscaping is the practice of growing vegetables and fruits alongside flowers in your landscaping instead of planting a separate food garden. The Hillsborough Public Space Division, Hillsborough Tree Board and North Carolina Cooperative Extension recommend edible landscaping.

Benefits

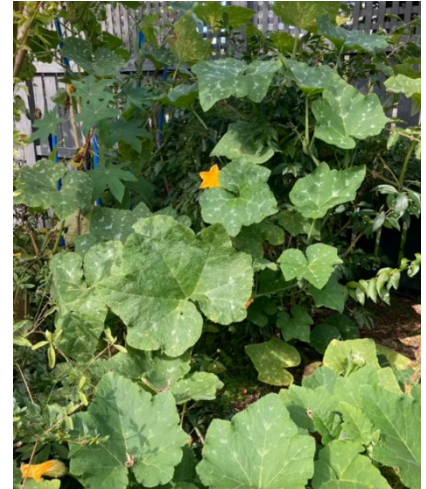
Edible landscaping is beneficial because it:

- Uses yard space efficiently.
- Provides food for your family.
- Adds interest, beauty and variety to your yard.
- Provides convenience and saves you money.
- Provides diverse habitats for butterflies and other pollinators.

Tips

Edible landscaping suggestions include:

- Plant sweet potato vines along the edge of your flower bed.
- Create a privacy hedge with blueberry bushes.
- Grow a rosemary hedge.
- Include strawberry plants and a fig bush among your floral plants and bushes.
- Potted edible landscaping works well for rice, lettuces, collards, swiss chard and other greens.
- Deter rabbits, voles and deer by planting garlic, onions or basil.



Edible landscaping adds interest to your landscaping while providing convenient vegetables.

Getting started

As you get started on incorporating edible landscaping:

- Prepare and amend the soil. Consider getting a soil sample tested by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.
- Choose plants that are suited to the sunlight, soil and climate conditions in your spot.
- Pick five vegetables you know you will eat.
- Stagger plantings for more harvests.
- Keep notes of your planting and harvest dates to help with planning for the following growing season.

More information

View the [video](#) on the Town of Hillsborough's [YouTube channel](#). The North Carolina Cooperative Extension [website](#) also has information about edible landscaping.