

Going and Growing Green: Sustainability and Gardening



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Genuine Faux Farm

The Farm in Winter



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- Fall Cleanup doesn't mean barren ground
- The body rests, the mind works
- Winter landscapes are as dynamic as Summer landscapes – just colder



Starting Things Right

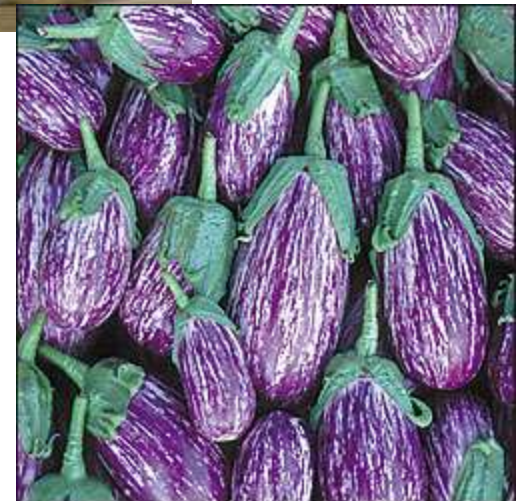




Starting Things Right

- Planning for success
- Find reputable seed sources
- Find local sources for plants or grow your own!
- Consider saving/using some of your own seed
- Starting mixes, lights and cold frames – oh my!

Cultivar Choices



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- Heritage, Heirloom or Hybrid
- Diversity is fun and fruitful
- Every garden has its own characteristics
- Give trials a chance



Companion Planting



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■ Aromatics – Flowers & Herbs

- Marigold
- Zinnias
- Nasturtium
- Alyssum
- Rosemary

■ Beans and Potatoes



Companion Planting



Pollinators and Predators



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- Ladybug
- Praying Mantis
- Green Lacewing
- Spiders!
- Bees
- Toads, snakes, etc
- Patience

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Composting



- 55 Gallon trash can
- 1/2 inch drill bit
- 12+ holes for drainage
- Roll container to mix

Composting



Fertility



- Composted materials & manure
- Green manures & Cover crops
- Rotation
- Building Soil versus Feeding the Plant

Fertility

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS



Diversity



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- “*Edges are where the life is*”... Jeff Moyer – Rodale Institute
- Monocultures provide an ideal environment for a limited set of beings.



Reconnecting with the Land





Pests and Weeds



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- Compost
- Natural Mulches
- Companion Planting
- Cultivation
- Exclusion
- Hand Picking
- Rotation
- Observation, Patience and Acceptance



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle





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- Grass Clippings as Mulch
- Compost
- Reuse Plastic Pots as Cloches, etc
- Newspaper as Mulch Base
- Human Power vs Gas Power
- Borrow a Truck & Avoid the Bags

Organic and Sustainable



- Organic
- Sustainable
- Thoughtful

- Diverse
- Resourceful
- Traceable
- Long Term

A Garden Isn't for Convenience

It's for the beauty, learning, good food and time well spent.

