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# How to Create a Gorgeous Garden: A Beginner's Guide

Gardening is a fun hobby, offering the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing activity in the fresh air. Plus, a beautiful garden can ramp up curb appeal—which, [according to RedFin](#), can boost home value. If you're new to gardening, you may not be confident in your ability to create a lush oasis. Don't stress. This resource guide covers the essentials you need to get started.

## **Start by creating a lush lawn**

*Your lawn takes up the most surface area in the garden and is the logical starting point.*

- [Start by](#) addressing bare patches in your lawn with reseeding, ideally in the late fall.
- Do an at-home soil test [to determine](#) what nutrients your lawn may be missing. You will then know what kind of fertilizer your grass needs.
- Search "[best lawn fertilizer service near me](#)" on Angi. Before meeting with a provider, request a quote and read reviews online. Prioritize those that use organic products.

## **Focus on flowers, bushes, and trees next**

*Prepare your plot of land to create a healthy space for strong growth.*

- Select the appropriate site for your purposes. [For instance](#), if you want to plant a vegetable garden, you need a spot that gets enough sun.
- Before planting, aerate the soil to [alleviate compaction](#). This makes it easier for oxygen, water, and nutrients to reach the underlying roots.
- Select plants for your garden [according to](#) your climate zone.
- Lay out your garden in a way to optimize growth. [For example](#), if your yard is sloped, plant your garden across the hill, not downhill.

### **Set your garden up for long-term success**

*If you want your garden to continue to thrive, you have to give it the right tools*

- Create a pollinator-friendly space—for example, by planting flowers. [West Seattle Bee Garden](#) provides educational resources on how to accommodate bees.
- Incorporate other beneficial insects into your garden like [ladybugs and praying mantises](#), which eat harmful pests.
- Implement an irrigation system, so your garden [gets the regular watering](#) it needs.
- When the weather cools down, add mulch around the bases of bushes and trees to [protect against the cold](#).

If you've always dreamed of having a pretty garden, these tips can help you realize your vision. You don't have to spend big bucks on fancy landscapers. Most of these tasks are DIY, giving you the opportunity to put your green thumb to the test while enjoying time outdoors.