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With increasing urbanization, arable land is on the decrease. Containers can be used to grow crops.

Before beginning production, choose a place for your container garden. Ideally the place should receive at least between 6 to 8 hours of sunshine daily. Decide what you want to plant and look out for a planting guide from your area. Take time and learn about what you want to plant to ascertain whether it is best grown from seed or transplants.

## Other tips

Choose an appropriate container; larger plants need big containers while small plants need smaller containers.

Make sure the containers have drainage holes because too much water suffocates the roots.

Fill the pots with well drained pot soil .

Plant your seed or seedling into the containers but the spacing between the containers should be enough to allow the plant to grow to full size.

Water the plants consistently because the plant roots cant get into the soil to absorb water and only depend on you for water. Water until water begins dripping from the drainage holes at the bottom of the Container.

Feed the plants often because excess water during watering goes along with the nutrients and these need to be replaced. Compost rich soils can be a source of nutrients or water soluble organic fertilizer.

Spend some time in your field everyday to do monitoring and learn from your experience.