Develop a Vegetable Garden in a Small Backyard Setting

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SITE SELECTION
EAST TO WEST BEST
6 TO 8 HOURS OF SUN
EASY ACCESSIBILITY
CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOUSE

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES
SET A BUDGET
IN GROUND
GARDEN BOXES (Materials)
STRAW BALE GARDEN
INTEGRATE WITH LANDSCAPE
CONTAINERS

CLASS EXERCISE
HAND DRAW BACKYARD PLAN

SITE PREPARATION
DRAINAGE
SOIL CONDITION
PLANTING MIX
AMENDMENTS
FERTILIZATION
WATERING OPTIONS

♦ Should you need assistance, or, require accommodations for any physical challenge, please call 530-621-5502. ♦

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PLANTING/HARVESTING

WHAT IS YOUR LAST FREEZE DATE?

PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM COLD

PLANT SELECTION (WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GROW)

PERENNIAL VS ANNUAL PLANTS

START FROM SEED OR BUY PLANTS

GROW CROPS THAT PRODUCE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FOOD IN YOUR SPACE

BUSH TYPE PLANTS - TOMATO/CUCUMBER/MELON

PLAN PLACEMENT ACCORDING TO PLANT HEIGHT

LAY OUT WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM AT PLANTING TIME

PROVIDE SUPPORT, CAGES, ETC

SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

KEEP A DETAILED PLANTING JOURNAL BY YEAR

MAINTENANCE

CHECK IRRIGATION SYSTEM REGULARLY

KEEP WEEDS OUT

MULCH PLANTS

PROTECT PLANTS FROM WILDLIFE

WEBSITES

ccecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/agriculture/soil_and_plant_tissue_testing

ipm.ucdavis.edu

QUESTIONS