



Creating your own allotment space

Items you need:

Spade



Trowel



Pegs



Twine or string



Bin bags and
recycling bin for
any waste





Creating your own allotment space in your garden means you can grow vegetables all year round.



Find an unused part of your garden.



You need to clear this space of any rubbish.



Make sure anything that can be recycled is put into the recycling bin.



If you have a green bin for garden waste make sure it is close by when you are weeding the space.



Creating your boundary line



Tye some twine onto a peg.



Put the peg into the soil at one end of your plot.



Pull the twine along the edge of your plot.



Tye the twine to the other peg
and put into the soil.



Boundary line

This marks where you can dig up
to.



Digging.



Use your spade to dig the soil.



Finish

Dig right to left and work backwards.

You do not want to stand on your freshly dug soil.



Digging can be tiring so make sure you have a few breaks in between.



Now the area is dug we need to rake the soil.



This can help break up any larger chunks of soil.



Raking also helps remove any weeds and large stones.



Bind weed roots need to be removed completely.



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Zone ↑ Zone ↑ Zone

When the ground is nice and flat we can now split our space into zones.



This patch is split into three zones.

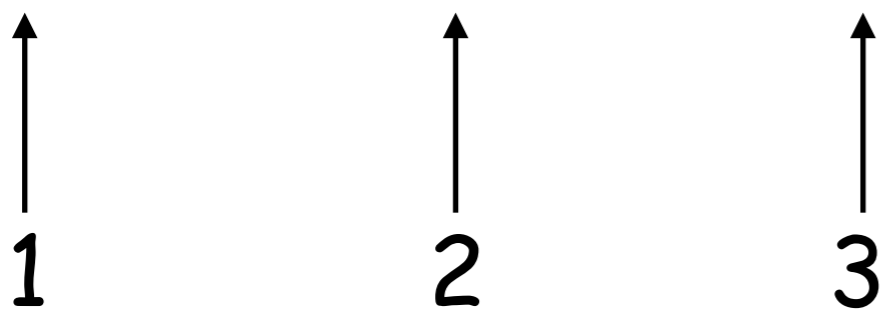
Do not try to add to many zones as plants need room to grow.



Again using the twine and pegs split your area up into zones.



Put a plank of wood down to walk on when creating your zones so you do not walk over your freshly dug soil.



This plot is divided into three.

(1) Potato's



(2) Onions



(3) Runner beans





You may come across some worms when digging. Make sure you leave them where they are as they will break down the soil and are a gardeners friend.

When you decide what to grow there are some rules to follow:

Some vegetables like manure added to the soil:

Potatoes, marrows, courgettes and pumpkins.



Some vegetables don't like manure:

Carrots, parsnips, radishes, swedes and onions.



Carrots growing next to onions work well as the pest carrot fly does not like the smell of onions and the onion fly does not like the smell of carrots.



Growing marigolds around your vegetables is also a good way to control pests as they don't like the smell.





If you have decide to grow runner beans now is the best time to construct your support canes. This means you wont be treading on any seedlings that may be ready to grow.



When we use our spade it can sometimes become covered with mud, this can make it difficult to dig. When this happens use a trowel to knock the excess mud off the spade.