

Our Bountiful Backyards workshop series looks at how you can trade lawns for vegetable gardens, fruit trees and berries. How you can make your section more productive and also make savings on your food costs...

Single workshops take one and a half hours; The cost is \$15pp (per workshop). Minimum numbers required to run a workshop. Bookings for groups can be made by arrangement. Please note: a 25% discount applies for community service card holders.

Beginners' gardening

You will learn there are many ways you can grow vegetables; in containers, in raised beds, square metre method, traditional styles, vertical gardening and even growing food on your kitchen windowsill. You will take home a bucket garden as well as some seeds for a square metre garden also free info sheets. (+\$5 for materials)

Planning your garden

In this course you will learn which plant families the vegetables belong to, crop rotation methods, what to plant and when and you will get a free planting chart. You can plan how to have vegetables you want to eat growing all year round. Free info sheets

Making your garden fertile

Everything you always wanted to know about composting, worm farming, Bokashi, liquid manures and green crops. You will see how easy it is to use your household and garden waste to make great soil to grow healthy plants in. Free info sheets and tiger worms can be purchased for an extra \$5

Caring for your plants

There are many ways you can help your plants grow, in this course you will learn about effective watering techniques and mulching plants, staking and protection, liquid feeding and the different natural ways you can control pests without chemicals. Free info sheets.

Establishing a herb garden

Herb gardens are great to have near your kitchen and growing your own is easy and fun. Learn which ones you can grow cheaply from seeds and how to grow others by dividing or growing cuttings. In no time at all you will have a permanent herb garden that you can use for in the kitchen and home. Free info sheets.

Fruit trees and berries

Even in a small section you can include fruit trees and berries. This course will tell you what is easiest to grow and how you can find a suitable place in your garden, what varieties suit Southland and how to care for them. Free info sheets.

Beneficial insects

You need many different insects in your garden control garden pests and to help with pollination. You will learn what plants will attract insects and how to build an insect hotel, you will also learn about how sensitive they are to chemicals and alternative methods you can use. Free info sheets.

Keeping hens

You can easily keep a few hens even in a small section, they can be partly fed by your kitchen scraps and garden waste. In this course you will learn the basics of hen care and we will have a slideshow of the many different options for housing your hens, most have a very low cost. Free info sheets

Seed Saving

You will learn to save seeds so that you can grow food for free every year. You will learn to gather, sort, clean and store seeds.. Will cover saving seeds from each vegetable family group and you will get lots of seeds to take home for free! Free info sheet.

Food Forest Gardening

This **4 hour** advanced course covers the history of food forests, site analysis, zones, layers, guilds, soil health and structure, the range of edible and useful plants you can grow in a cool/temperate food forest. Also a tour of a 15 year old food forest and questions and follow up discussion dependant on participants interest. (workshop cost is higher)

ABOUT OUR TUTORS:

Our tutors have long experience in using these simple skills. They share the ways you can also save money by living more simply.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Bountiful Backyards

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

I am interested in attending the following the workshops (***please tick***)

- Beginners gardening
- Planning your garden
- Making your garden fertile
- Caring for your plants
- Establishing a herb garden
- Fruit trees and berries
- Beneficial insects
- Keeping hens
- Seed Saving
- Food Forest Gardening (4hr)

Once we get 4-5 people interested in the same course/courses we will contact them to arrange a suitable date, time & location; advertise the course, then registrations will be finalised.

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