Basic Garden Designs

Cottage or English-Cottage Gardens: Integrates annual and perennial flowers, herbs, small fruits i.e. strawberries, grapes or raspberries, and a variety of vegetables into an edible landscape. These can be made to various shapes and sizes, incorporating existing landscaping, if desired. They are beautiful as well as functional, producing a variety of crops. The addition of flowers to your vegetable garden encourages the pollinators to come and assist you with your vegetables, growing a more bountiful harvest.

Raised-bed Gardens: Usually incorporates either square foot or traditional gardening styles, into smaller areas that have organically amended soils. They are above ground and can help eliminate some soil borne diseases or help locations where soils are of poor quality. Raised-beds can accommodate better watering practices, because of the soil amendments and the drip watering systems that can be incorporated. They can also be protected with various types of covers, i.e. frost covers, shade covers, grow covers, etc. Space is limited to the size of the structure. Raised beds, in some instances, can be stacked higher off the ground, so they are more easily accessible. Most are square or rectangular in shape.

Container Gardens: Are for very small locations, such as a balcony, small patio, porch or sunroom. Prepared soils help to guarantee gardening success. Self-watering containers are especially desirable for those people who are always on the go (you still have to remember to water once in a while), but with the fail-safe watering meter on many of the planters, it will help you with your gardening success! There are many new styles and a variety of looks, such as, stone, brick, wood, etc. to fit most people's life-styles. Check out our brochure.

Therapy Gardens: Are small gardens, either grown in free-standing planters or raised-beds, to accommodate people with disabilities, i.e. wheel chair access and other considerations. You can grow flowers, herbs, or small vegetables and some small fruits (strawberries). These gardens are actually medically proven to increase the mind and body's ability to heal. Not only do they help folks medically, but they are nutritional, as well, due to the fresh produce these planters can grow.

<u>Traditional Gardens</u>: Can be any size or shape, depending on the area to be planted. They can be used in a variety of ways; to include, Row gardening, Indian gardening, Square foot gardening or English-Cottage gardening. The type of gardening depends on each individual's preference. These types of gardens usually need soil

amendments to help the existing soil structure, which will also help with the water holding capacity and Gardening Success. NOTE: You should only plant vegetables that you like; otherwise you're wasting space, water and fertilizers, on plants you will not eat. If you want to try different plants, be sure that they will fit into our growing season of approximately 90 frost-free days. There is no limit to the variety and scope of this type of gardening, just remember that you need to be willing to care for them as well; Everything in Moderation. And Be Patient, when growing from seed, it will take some time.



Happy Gardening!