

The Foodscape Revolution

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What is a Foodscape?

A foodscape is simply the integration of edible plants in traditional ornamental landscapes. It is all about making the most of the existing square footage by cultivating open mulch space with seasonable vegetables. Organic land management strategies are employed to ensure that public and private landscapes are utilizing biological controls, natural fertilizers and soil science methodologies to help clean storm water while nourishing the community.

How to FOODSCAPE?

- Utilize the existing ornamental base of plants
- Design around the SUNNIEST areas- vegetables prefer full sun
- Vegetables need supplemental water, especially in summer
- Plant edibles or sow seeds directly in the open mulch space
- Start by planting bed edges because they are easily accessible, underutilized and exist in every landscape
- Design with a bio-diversity selection of plants
- Beneficial insects will be attracted and help manage pests
- Common diseases are reduced when you incorporate your food crops in the landscape instead of segregating them
- Manage the entire landscape organically
- Dirt Matters Most! **BIG YELLOW BAG by Super Sod** is my favorite soil!

Dealing with mammal browse:

- Fencing, Netting and Cages
- Block deer runs with spiky plants such as Agave, Yucca or
- *Poncirus trifoliata* 'Flying Dragon'
- Repellents: MY FAVORITE IS **I Must Garden**
- Reflect tape or CD's on fishing line to deter antler rubbing
- Motion censored irrigation works the best!
- Plant bed edges: Arugula, 'Murette' Basil, Garlic, Onions, Peppers and Potatoes
- Deter in ground mammal with garlic edges

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Start with the bed edges:

Arugula Basil Garlic Lettuce Onions Peanuts Peppers Potatoes

AAS Award Winning Edibles:

Tomato 'Chef's Choice Series'

Tomato 'Patio Choice Series'

Kale 'Prizm'

'Pepper 'Mad Hatter'

Okra 'Candle Fire'

Strawberry 'Chandler'

Blueberry 'Powder Blue'

Blueberry 'Blue Suede'

Ornamental Foodscape Combinations:

Allium 'Millenium' with Cucumber, Kohlrabi, Radish, Sage, Sesame

Asclepias tuberosa with Celery, Cilantro, Okra, Peppers, Rice

Baptisia DECADENCE® 'Lemon Meringue' with Peppers, Peanuts

Buddleia 'Lavender Cupcake' with Basil, Broccoli, Sesame, Watermelon

Heliopsis helianthoides 'Tuscan Sun' with Cilantro, Dill, Parsley

Hydrangea paniculata 'Sweet Summer' with Tomatoes

Leucanthemum superbum 'Banana Cream' with Basil, Celery, Fennel

Nepeta faassenii 'Cat's Meow' with Kale, Spinach, Chard, Tomatillo

Phlox paniculata 'Glamour Girl' with Beans, Carrots, Potatoes, Turnips

Phlox 'Minnie Pearl' with Cabbage, Eggplant, Strawberries

Salvia nemorosa 'Violet Riot' with Broccoli, Cauliflower, Squash

Live stakes to pair with Heirloom Tomatoes:

Beauty Berry

Lilac

Butterfly Bush

Forsythia

Hydrangea

Hibiscus

Viburnum

Weigela