

No backyard? No problem - the new trend of yardless gardening

Backyard or back patio, it's time to get planting, no matter where you live. The number of American households engaging in do-it-yourself lawn and garden activities rose by more than 3 million in recent years, the National Gardening Association's National Garden 2012 Survey found. That can include you, even if you don't have an actual yard.

Yardless gardening is a popular alternative for people short on green space looking to flex (or find) their green thumbs and the garden gurus from The Home Depot are here to help you do it.

Make a container garden

Small back patio? Window sill? That's all the space you need for a yardless garden. "You can enjoy a garden, no matter your space or place," says Certified Nursery Consultant Nick Blassman. "It's an easy project to take on in a week-end and can make a big difference in your home."

Step one: pick your plants

Edible plants like basil, oregano, parsley, thyme and rosemary are great choices because they're heavy producers and easy to grow in small spaces. The Home Depot's Bonnie Organic herbs are healthy options to have on hand when you're chopping, dicing and using fresh herbs in the kitchen. These herbs come in peat pots made of biodegradable material so if you plant outside, just drop the entire pot in the dirt - there's no plastic to throw away. Love tomatoes (or ketchup)? Heinz introduced Heinz tomato varieties this spring, which can be grown in a container or trained to grow up a wire cage or teepee of bamboo... CONTINUED PG. 2



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A few words from the President/Broker, Amanda L. Grover, SFR

As the last few weeks of summer are closing in and the weather starts to turn a little cooler in the evenings, I'm certainly looking forward to it! Fall is my favorite time of year. To reflect on this past summer, I'm nothing but grateful. All of us here have been busy (very busy at times).

By working together as a team in our office, and not against one another, it benefits not only ourselves, but our clients! If one of us is away or booked, no problem - another one of us will cover. Since our last newsletter, Sandy has become an Associate Broker! This means that

she's taken the state and federal mandated courses and testing to be a Licensed Real Estate Broker (the next step up from a Licensed Sales Associate). Also, Sue has just one more class (coming up soon) before she completes her GRI Designation. GRI stands for Graduate of the Real-

tor Institute. In simplest terms, this means she's taken a federally mandated number of credit hours (further education on real estate) to attain this designation. Congrats to you both! Everyone: Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

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EDMUND BURKE

Step two: choose your vessel

A couple factors to consider when you're looking for pots and planters. First, make sure your plant is going to have enough room to grow and develop roots. A good rule of thumb is to use smaller pots for herbs and larger pots for fruits and vegetables. Next, flip the pot over - does it have a hole in the bottom? Planters should have drainage holes so your plant doesn't get waterlogged. For stylish options, consider metal planters like Home Depot's Medley Square Copper Planter or natural wood finishes like the Western Red Cedar Large Square Planter. If you have no idea what you're doing, well, you're not alone. And there's a place to find the experts - The Home Depot's Garden Club.

Step three: gear up

Big tools in a small planter equal a potentially disastrous situation. Make sure you've got the right gardening tools for your

job - a small spade, trimmers, gloves and a watering can or hose. For less than a dollar each, pick up a couple Fiskars Garden Tools. They feature maneuverable, short handles to make it easy to navigate smaller areas without making a big mess.

Step four: fill 'er up

You want the fertilizer or potting mix that's going to nourish and help your herbs thrive. "Choose a potting mix with ingredients like sphagnum peat moss, vermiculite or perlite, and aged compost products to help retain moisture and control the release of water into the plant's roots," says Blassman.

It's that easy. You now have a container garden to enjoy, no matter the weather or season. For this and more project inspiration, check out The Home Depot on Pinterest. For more information on planting or anything related to the garden, sign up for The Garden Club which provides regional-

ized information, forums and deals.

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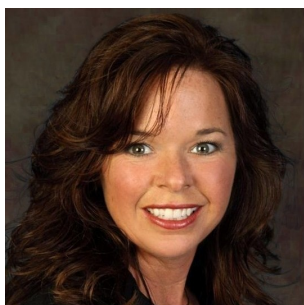
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Well, as always, we have a lot of projects going on! We're selling our home & soon building a new one. Yes, we MUST BE crazy (last time we did this we didn't have kids yet). We are also putting up a spec house in Rushville (which has buyers anxiously waiting). Travis is remodeling 2 of our 10 apartment units and the list goes on!

Dan and I have had a very busy summer, we've met some really great people and successfully closed several deals in the last couple of months. We just got back from 4 days in Old Forge visiting my brothers and had a great time. We'll share a couple of pictures with you from our trip.



She was our regular visitor where we camped across from my brother's B&B in Thendara! Moose River B&B



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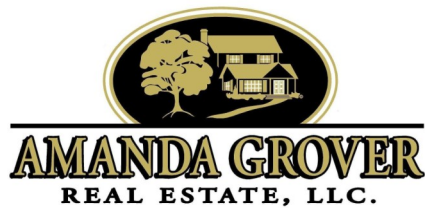
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It's been a great summer this year! Been enjoying the lake, summer concerts and wine fests. New addition came to the house too, via my daughter. A Mastif mix pup. So cute and loves the water.

Have been very busy with work and enjoying the Finger Lakes. I traveled to England in July and am very fortunate to have such a great real estate team; Amanda, Sandy, Sue and Dan to assist while away.

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TO OUR IMAGINATIONS"

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU



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Cute Cottage for Summer Getaways!

Cute cottage to start a tradition of summer getaways! Deeded shared Canandaigua lakefront, 88 feet of dead level beach, dock. Relaxed atmosphere on the east side to watch the sunsets. Cottage has two bedrooms, one bunk room and a queen bed in the other. Full kitchen, dining area and living room. Freshly painted, furnishings stay! Good size yard out front to play or picnic. Private drive, see signs and come check it out! Call Sue Polizzi! \$89,900.



**1240 ITALY VALLEY RD
NAPLES, NY 14512**

Nice Quiet Country Setting!

Nice quiet country setting in the Italy Valley with great views of the surrounding hillsides, mature landscape and many updates. Home has spacious rooms with updates to the kitchen and 1st floor bathroom. Some fresh paint and papering completed. Heat is propane FHA and wood to help with the heating bills. Upstairs 3 more bedrooms and a full bath. This home won't last long so don't wait to schedule a showing!! Star savings is \$415 currently. Call Sandy King! \$99,000