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Greenhouse Gardening: Grow What You Want, When You Want

Have you ever considered greenhouse gardening?

Growing plants in a greenhouse can expand your gardening horizons far beyond the limits of your geographical bounds. With a backyard greenhouse, the growing season can last year round.

Is it mid-January in your backyard, with snow piled deep on the ground and an arctic nip in the air? Not in your greenhouse, where it's a delightful, sunny 72.

Do outside conditions make it impossible for you to grow the plants you love right now? Are you months away from enjoying homegrown, summer savory tomatoes?

Not if you have a backyard greenhouse.

You could be serving your very own homegrown summer veggies for Christmas dinner – picked fresh Christmas morning. Greenhouse gardening will give you the freedom to grow almost anything you want, anytime you want, without waiting for a by-your-leave from Mother Nature.

Isn't Greenhouse Gardening a Frighteningly Expensive Pastime?

To be sure, you can spend lots of money on a garden greenhouse if that's what you want to do.

There are some beautifully elegant backyard greenhouses available that would complement the finest of mansions in appearance and aesthetics.

But there are also some surprisingly cheap greenhouse kits that you can purchase and assemble to create your own fully functional greenhouse. You can also build your own greenhouse from scratch, and really save some money.

Thanks to modern greenhouse technology and space age materials, virtually anyone who wants a greenhouse can have one, no matter how humble or majestic it may be.

What Can You Grow in a Greenhouse?

What do you want to grow? That's the more appropriate question, because you could grow virtually anything you want in your greenhouse.

Sure, there are exceptions. Not every plant on Earth is a candidate for greenhouse growing. But when you're deciding what to grow in your greenhouse, you'll find that there really aren't many limitations.

And for the most part, the limitations you face will be of your own choosing.

If you choose not to heat your greenhouse during winter, for example, the list of plants that will be candidates for your greenhouse will be shorter. Or if you decide not to use artificial lighting to extend the day length during the short, dreary days of winter, that too will be a limiting factor.

But the inherent magic of a greenhouse is that you can create almost any environment you choose. And with that power you can make your greenhouse a happy home for most any type of plant, whether ornamental or edible.

You Can Grow Food of Unparalleled Quality in a Greenhouse

The sheltered environment of your greenhouse will also allow you to grow the most cosmetically perfect plants and produce you've ever seen. Think about it: Your plants won't get rained on, wind blown, dust stormed, hail battered, frosted or sun-scorched.

The result will be exotically lush plants producing food that is off-the-charts delicious and nutritious - and beautiful to boot!

Greenhouse Gardening Puts You In Control

If you've been gardening for a while, you're accustomed to having nature dictate the terms of your relationship. Try planting too early in the season, or grasping for a few extra precious harvest days late in the season, and nature is liable to slap you down hard.

But in your backyard greenhouse, you'll set the terms.

First frost date - last frost date? Meaningless. Shortest day of the year? So what?

In your small greenhouse, the temperature can be what you want it to be. The day length can be whatever you need it to be. What you'll be *able* to grow will be dictated only by what you *want* to grow.

If you're accustomed to playing by nature's rules, you'll find that greenhouse gardening offers an exhilarating sense of freedom – and lots of gardening fun.