

Guerilla
Gardening
101

WHAT?

Guerilla Gardening is all about growing (edible) plants in the urban space. Usually illicitly, usually unnoticed, usually in abandoned (no-)spaces.

What does *Guerilla Gardening* mean to you?

WHY?

Art: GG intervenes public space as a form of street art.

Politics: GG gives a statement about the fuckedupness of our food systems, and/or City landscaping practices, and/or urban food (in)security.

Food: GG is used by folks to compliment their diet, making local+organic produce more accessible (in the anti-capitalist kind of way).

Building Community // Fun: Folks enjoy GG with others, making friends, learning+sharing things and techniques. Gardening is, simply put, fun.

WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE?

Let us take a moment to be **critical** of the current **uses/ownership** of urban space (and who benefits from this?), and the importance to remember that First Nations are the **original custodians of these lands/ivers**.

Ask yourself:

*What privileges allow you to carry out GG without getting into trouble?

*What consequences/transgressions (intended or not) do you incur when doing GG?

*Are you/we using GG to further social justice? Could you/we?

HOW !!!?

1. Choose what to grow (and eventually eat).

Direct Seeding:

*zucchini, squash, peas, beans, corn, sunflowers, wildflowers, coriander, carrots, beets, radish...

Transplanting:

*cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplants, onions, leafy greens (kale, lettuce, chard), nasturtiums, peppers...

2. Choose your vessel/technique

(non-exhaustive list, just cool ideas):

Seed bombs: seeds, powdered clay, compost; mix w/water, shape and sundry/bake!

Garden trowel+hands: dig a hole, plant a seed/seedling.

Artsy-vessel: unconventional planter-objects such as cans, drawers, toilets, boots, etc. can be installed on their own, or tied/hanged to other objects.

3. Factors to consider:

Where? City planters, abandoned lots, derelict parks.

Water access? Sometimes you have to trust the rainy season, sometimes you have to diy.

Visibility? You want to keep it secret?, share the harvest? make a point?

Installation/harvest? Folks do it at night usually, some spots are more safer/friendly.



This zine-thingy was written on August 2016, by *urbanfarmer* Christian Scott, for Rad Frosh! It contains some of the basic principles and ideas re: Guerilla Gardening, hopefully folks will continue researching and exploring the topic and check other sources - and obvs be critical of the affects and effects behind this practice.