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# World Food Garden (.org)

## *The gardener's social network*

*-During WWI and WWII 40% of our produce was grown in small gardens at home. It's time to bring that figure back.-*

This is an announcement of a new interactive website for gardeners and small farmers:  
Worldfoodgarden.org.

Its purpose is to promote a modern Victory Garden movement throughout the world by encouraging anyone with a little land, a rooftop, a balcony or terrace to start a vegetable garden. The website hopes to become a gathering place for those who garden and those who wish to learn to work the earth to grow their food.

Think of it as a Facebook to save the planet. Food costs are soaring as the costs of production climbs higher and higher with the price of oil. Our planet is in peril and our food supply is at risk because of the recklessly wasteful methods of large industrial farming. Petroleum-based fertilizers which endanger our water supply and ultimately strip nutrients from the soil are poured onto the large farms to beef up production, and then food is shipped thousands of miles on gas-guzzling trucks, compounding the pollution problem.

We want to teach you how to become independent of this harmful system, building a healthier world right in your own backyard or even on your balcony. With your own small garden, you can help save the world, improve your health, save money and enjoy the best-tasting food you have ever eaten.

During World War I and World War II, forty per cent of our produce was grown in small gardens at home. Our website is devoted to bringing back the spirit of the Victory Garden not just to America, but to the whole world. We want to teach everyone how to garden, and we have invented the "Garden Calculator" to provide site-specific advice about soil make-up and plants appropriate to each area. All users have to do is click their location on the website map and choose their veggies. Once a person has started a garden, he or she can add a small carrot representing that garden to the World Map of Small Food Gardens. This map is configured to let browsers find ideas or connections with other gardeners for sharing tips, seeds, recipes, and whatever else they need to know or swap in quest of the perfect small vegetable garden.

Green philanthropists can use [WorldFoodGarden.org](http://WorldFoodGarden.org) to find other ecologically minded philanthropists in our data bank to join forces in promoting the distribution of open-pollinated, non-GMO seeds to needy individuals and communities. As we become better known, we hope our website will serve as a major clearinghouse for all sorts of NGOs with an interest in supporting the growing local food movement and world-wide non-industrial farm systems. A small packet of seeds can make the difference for the survival of a family in the poorest parts of the world.

If you are already growing a food garden- encourage others to do the same by adding your garden to the World Food Garden Map. If you are so inclined, use [worldfoodgarden.org](http://worldfoodgarden.org) to create networks that assist less fortunate people to grow gardens, and watch as your small efforts continue to spread exponentially on their own.

**WorldFoodGarden.org offers:**

- A world map (like Google Earth) where individuals, classrooms and small farms growing local food gardens, suppliers of non-GMO, open-pollinated seeds, and researchers, travelers and philanthropists can create profiles, network, and trace the impact of their efforts.
- Great visibility for non-GMO open pollinated seed suppliers
- A way to promote a diversity of seeds and non-GMO seeds
- Great visibility for garden organizations
- Source of information on plants & seeds
- Great visibility for existing Garden Forums
- Great way to connect with others who are similarly inclined to take care of our great mother earth
- An easy tool for activists and philanthropists to create networks that make positive effect socially and environmentally
- Easy networking between classroom gardens
- A way to keep track of your effect on the world

### **In the works...**

- Networking for gardeners to share tips, pictures and recipes
- A place to keep track of planting, fertilizing, other garden activities
- Tutorials for how to sustainably prepare soil, plant, maintain and harvest food plants
- A full database of all non-GMO, open-pollinated seed varieties in the U.S.
- A clickable climate map, detailing which plants grow well in which places and the dates they should be planted for indoor and outdoor growing
- A "garden calculator" making advanced gardening techniques easy for new gardeners to use to help plan their first garden
- Full garden profiles including personal blogs, planting calendars, comments and messaging
- A lunar phase calendar that makes suggestions for biodynamic growing

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