



SOUTH COAST ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

# Bountiful *backyards*

Our Bountiful Backyards workshop series looks at how you can trade lawns for vegetable gardens, fruit trees and berries. How you can make your section more productive and also make savings on your food costs...



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## BEGINNERS' GARDENING

You will learn there are many ways you can grow vegetables; in **containers**, in **raised beds**, **square metre method**, **traditional styles**, **vertical gardening** and even growing food on your kitchen windowsill. You will take home a bucket garden as well as some seeds for a square metre garden. You will also take home free info sheets. (+\$5 for materials).

## PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

In this course you will learn which plant families the vegetables belong to, **crop rotation methods**, **what to plant** and when, and you will get a **free planting chart**. You can plan how to have vegetables you want to eat growing all year round. Free info sheets.



## MAKING YOUR GARDEN FERTILE

Everything you always wanted to know about **composting, worm farming, Bokashi, liquid manures** and **green crops**. You will see how easy it is to use your household and garden waste to make great soil to grow healthy plants in. Free info sheets and tiger worms can be purchased for an extra \$5.



## BIOCHAR

Do you keep hearing the word biochar? Come and learn all about this **incredible soil amendment** and how it will **improve your soil for hundreds of years!** It is easy to make at any scale from easy to source waste biomass.

## ESTABLISHING A HERB GARDEN

Herb gardens are great to have near your kitchen and growing your own is easy and fun. Learn which ones you can grow **cheaply from seeds** and how to grow others by **dividing** or **growing cuttings**. In no time at all you will have a permanent herb garden that you can use for in the kitchen and home.



## FRUIT TREES & BERRIES

Even in a small section you can include fruit trees and berries. This course will tell you what is easiest to grow and how you can find suitable places in your garden, and how to care for them.

**Free info sheets.**



## BENEFICIAL INSECTS

You need many different insects in your garden to control garden pests and to help with pollination. You will learn what plants will attract insects and **how to build an insect hotel**, you will also learn about how sensitive they are to chemicals and alternative methods you can use. Free info sheets.

## KEEPING HENS

You can easily keep a few hens even in a small section, they can be partly fed by your kitchen scraps and garden waste. In this course you will learn all you need to know to have **happy and productive hens.**





## SEED SAVING

You will learn to save seeds so that you can **grow food for free every year**. You will learn to gather, sort, clean and store seeds. Will cover saving seeds from each vegetable family group and you will get lots of seeds to take home for free! Free info sheet.



## FOOD FOREST GARDENING

This 4 hour advanced course covers the history of **food forests, site analysis, zones, layers, guilds, soil health** and **structure**, and the range of edible and useful plants you can grow in a cool/temperate food forest. Also a tour of a 25 year old food forest and time for questions. (Workshop cost is higher).



## ABOUT OUR TUTORS

Our tutors have much experience in using these skills to grow beautiful, nutritious food. They share the ways you can also save money by growing more of your own food.

## DETAILS

Single workshops take one and a half hours; The cost is \$15pp (per workshop). Minimum numbers required to run a workshop. Bookings for groups are very welcome. Note: 25% discount applies for community service card holders.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MAIN SUPPORTERS



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