



Planting activity

The purpose of this activity is to introduce one aspect of the horticulture industry to you. Assemble a planter of three attractive and tasty veggies and an ornamental plant, then enjoy them through the season. We hope this experience inspires you to look into a rewarding career in horticulture.

Kale

Kale looks like collards but is darker green, with frills. It also has a stronger flavour and a somewhat courser texture. The leaves can be curly and quite ornamental. Kale likes cooler temperatures, so it grows best in spring and fall. Plant is roughly 8" high starting with outside leaves.



Sedum 'Dragon's Blood'

The Sedum 'Dragon's Blood', blooms in early summer to late summer and is a ground cover plant that grows to be three to four inches tall. Just as humans don't like to have constantly wet feet, no plant will do well if it sits in a puddle of water for any length of time.



Dark green Italian parsley

Don't let the plain green leaves fool you. For the strongest parsley flavours this Italian parsley is the one to grow. Curly parsley is best for looks; this type is where the flavour is. Parsley is easy to grow in the garden or containers. It likes rich soil and lots of water; a little nitrogen fertilizer applied early keeps it green and growing. Harvest when the leaf stems have 3 segments.



Pansy

Pansies are biennial plants that bloom the second year after planting and should be replaced after a couple of years. Pansies are tolerant of cooler temperatures. Pansies may grow to nine inches in height, and prefer sun. Remember to water your pansies regularly, allowing them to dry between each watering.



Large-leaf green basil

Basil is a sturdy plant that grows vigorously, producing lots of large, dark-green leaves, great for pesto and other culinary delights. Easy to grow in containers, it likes lots of sun and performs well with the same watering as most other garden plants. Go ahead and use it; the more you trim, the more it grows. Pick leaves regularly.



Help Mother Nature recycle: Compost!

Composting can benefit your soil and plants in many ways. It increases the soil's organic matter content and its moisture-holding capacity, enhances growth and helps plants develop roots. Use it on your own lawn, in your garden, around trees or combine it with potting soil for your plants. Whatever your soil type, you can improve the health of your soil by adding compost. Dig in lots of compost when first preparing garden beds for planting. In already established gardens, add a three-inch layer of compost around your plants in spring, summer or fall.



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Pathway to Horticulture!

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- AND the industry is forecasted to double in size by 2021!
- We welcome you to a rewarding career that provides social, health and wellness, environmental and recreation benefits to our communities!



Industry Facts

- Canada's ornamental horticulture industry has an economic impact of nearly 14.5 BILLION dollars every year
- Agriculture/Horticulture is Ontario's largest industry
- The Landscape Horticulture Industry provides seasonal and full time employment
- Horticulturists are busy growing, building and maintaining landscapes throughout the year depending on the climate
- An acre of trees produces enough breathing oxygen for 18 people every day
- Turf grass on eight average-sized healthy front lawns has the cooling effect of 70 tonnes of air conditioning, enough for 16 average homes

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- Grounds Management
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