

## Checklist For a Good Garden Site

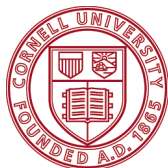
Does your garden have:

- Well-drained soil, free of heavy metals such as lead
- Full sun and protection from wind
- Proximity to a water source
- Nearness to classrooms or meeting place with seating and shade
- Storage space for tools and equipment
- Availability of additional space for composting, pathways, improvements, expansion
- Security from theft and vandalism (do people who could watch over the site live nearby?)

Other things to consider:

- Are there on-site materials that need to be removed, such as blacktop or debris?
- Should you perform a soil test before planning? If so, contact your local Cooperative Extension Office.
- Will you build raised garden beds or plant directly into the ground?
- Is the site location safe for participants? (Will motion-sensor lights be needed, and can they be installed?)
- Will you need a fence to prevent unwanted wildlife from entering?
- Is there a “garden guardian” who lives nearby who can watch over the site to help prevent theft or vandalism?
- Will you have a garden sign (or numerous signs) to educate visitors when no one is available to answer questions?
- How can you ensure the site is accessible to all?
- Are there public restrooms nearby?
- Is the site easy to get to? Accessible by public transportation? Is parking available? Does it have a bike rack?
- Have you communicated with the groundskeeper of the site?

Notes:



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