

Prep Blog Review: How's Your Gardening Doing?

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We are in full gardening mode these days so we love to look for new tips and tricks, new ways of growing our crops and strengthening our gardening skills.

That's how we've stumbled upon these 5 articles that we're sure you'll like as much as we did. Remember to drop a line in the comments section below and let us know what have you been working on in your garden.

1. Growing Tomatoes in a "Hugel" Barrel



"We normally put 24-30 tomato plants in our garden every year. This usually gives the two of us enough homemade paste and sauce to last through the winter. We decided to try to double up on the tomato harvest this season. I realized pretty quickly that we didn't have enough room inside our Deer Fence / Greenhouse to accommodate and had to come up with another plan.

A couple years ago I happened to notice an interesting method for growing tomatoes in a large garden owned by Eastern European immigrant. Their method didn't involve planting a single tomato plant inside of a funnel shaped cage, which is the method I grew up using. Instead, they planted a tomato "patch" and surrounded the entire patch with a single tall fence."

Read more on [Advanced Survival Guide](#).

2. How to Make Your Garden Low Maintenance



"I often get asked how much time and energy it takes to have my garden. Most are surprised when I tell them that my busiest times are at the beginning and end of the growing season but there isn't much in between.

That's not to say that I don't go out there every.single.day because I do! I love looking at what is growing and can troubleshoot any issues before they turn into problems. Overall though, my garden is extremely low maintenance."

Read more on [Homestead Dreamer](#).

3. 8 Tips to Grow Grocery Store Ginger



"Fresh ginger is almost always on my grocery list, we use quite a bit of it for cooking and cold remedies. About a month ago I happened to take a good look at the ginger on the counter and it looked like it was beginning to grow.

Light bulbs went off, and the ever frugal gardener in me kicked into gear. Why can't you take that rhizome and grow grocery store ginger? Well it turns out that you can. With just a little bit of advance preparation you can have ginger growing in your yard or windowsill within a month."

Read more on [Preparedness Mama](#).

4. 5 Off-Grid Reasons Everyone Should Be Growing Aloe



"Aloe vera is a popular succulent plant with a rich history. Aside from its beauty and ease of care, aloe vera is often used as an herbal remedy. It's no surprise that the plant is referred to as "the burn plant," "the wonder plant," "the medicine plant" or "the silent healer," in reference to its medicinal capabilities.

Everyone should have an aloe vera plant, whether it's in a pot on their porch or in their garden (zone permitting). Here are five reasons why."

Read more on [Off The Grid News](#).

5. Treat your plants to natural calcium, Eggshells



"My vegetable and flower soil looks like it has the measles. I have mixed the soil with eggshells. The eggshells have a lot of nutrients that the plants need. Your eggshells are recycled and you have cheap food for the soil. The calcium from eggshells in garden soil moderates soil acidity while providing nutrients to plants.

I gathered up a bunch of eggshells from breakfast and baking. It doesn't take long to gather a couple of dozen I rinse them in cold water and put them on a cookie sheet in the oven"

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