

Good web sites:

- Washington Master Gardener Program - king.wsu.edu/gardening
- Seattle Tilth - www.seattletilth.org/
- Cedar Grove Compost - www.cedar-grove.com/products/compost.asp
- Urban Land Army - www.urbanlandarmy.com/
- Organic Seed Alliance - www.seedalliance.org/

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Bucket Brigades in the Rainier Valley



*Growing a healthier
community one
mini-garden at a time*

What is a bucket brigade?

A bucket brigade is a gathering where free buckets of soil are given out with herb and vegetable seeds to create mini-container gardens. Information on how to grow the garden and local resources are also given out. A brigade can be paired with an event like a neighborhood plant exchange, a local foods potluck or a meeting on how to build more community gardens.



How do you do a bucket brigade?

- Find a good spot to hold the event like churches, schools, grocery store parking lots or community centers.
- Get donations of soil and seeds and buckets. Many places need at least a month to process the request.
- Get volunteers to divide up bulk packs of seeds into envelopes, fill buckets, spread the word and provide gardening tips.
- Advertise and have fun.

Tips on container gardening:

- Tomatoes, green onions, bush beans, lettuce, squash, radishes and cucumbers are among the vegetables that work well in container gardens.
- Soil should be well draining
- Organic fertilizer in liquid form is easy to use
- In warm weather watering daily is usually needed. Try to avoid getting water on the leaves as this can encourage the spread of diseases.
- Nearly all vegetables and herbs grow best in at least six hours of full sun.

