Gardening is great for the budget, body, and soul! Never gardened before? There are several sure ways to start a garden, such as in a bucket or a plot. Here are five ways to consider when starting a garden. If you need additional information, refer to your local garden center or a nearby university’s cooperative extension office.

### 5 WAYS TO START A GARDEN

1. **Select a site with sunlight at least 6 hours a day and access to water and rich soil.**

2. **Start small with one or two plants and expand over time.**

3. **Work with a local nursery or community gardener to select the right seeds or plants.**

4. **Apply the right amount of moisture and balance of nutrients throughout the gardening process.**

5. **Use a garden journal to track experiences and observations, such as growth rates or successful techniques.**