

Dog-Friendly Gardening Checklist



Avoid Toxic Plants

Irises, tulips, daffodils, and many other bulb plants are toxic to dogs and cats, as are azaleas, rhododendron and foxgloves, which can cause heart problems.



Don't Leave Supplies Unattended

Don't leave bulbs, fertilizer, mulch and gardening tools unattended. Be sure to store these materials out of your pet's reach, or in tamper-proof containers.



Design with Your Dog in Mind

Build paths around garden areas using paw-friendly materials like pea gravel, and avoid path materials with pointed edges or that can get too hot for their paw pads. Use the path to direct your dogs around your garden, and they may reward you by patrolling it and scaring away unwanted wildlife!



Choose a Pet-Friendly Mulch and Fertilizer

Cocoa bean mulch is toxic to dogs and should be avoided in favor of pet-friendly varieties like pine, cedar, and hemlock. And when using fertilizer, be sure to select a more pet-friendly option and follow all instructions regarding wait times when pets should be kept off lawns or away from treated areas.



Consider Healthy Plants You'll Both Love

There are lots of great fruits, vegetables and herbs that you can grow in your backyard that can be enjoyed by everyone in the home, including your four-legged friends! Here's a short list: carrots, green beans, squash, parsley and mint!



Keep 'Em Out

Hidden Fences are a great way to designate a "no dog" zone. If you already have a DogWatch® Hidden Fence, ask your Local Dealer to adjust your existing wire to add a "garden loop" or install a small, flexible Groundskeeper® system, which can be used with or without a full hidden fence system.



Stop the Digging!

More walks, runs, or trips to the dog park can work wonders with certain unwanted behaviors, including digging. Some dogs are by nature tenacious diggers, and will require training to reduce this problem behavior. Ask your DogWatch® Dealer about the BigLeash® Remote Trainer, and how it can help distract your dog from digging and discourage the behavior.



Take a Break and Play!

Help your dog channel her energy into something productive, like a game of fetch or obedience training. Or, if he's more of a lazy pup, take a break in the shade. Let your dog know that gardening isn't just about mom yelling "No, get out!" or "Don't eat that!" It means more enjoyable outdoor time for everyone!