

# Requirements / Service / Task that needs to be done for successful home gardening

You, the home gardener

Other gardening services

Vital Veggies with visits

## Raised bed garden options and their installation

Galvanized iron raised bed gardens of various lengths	<b>X</b>	✓	✓
Rendered raised bed gardens	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Timber raised bed gardens	✓	✓	✓
Other options such as in ground gardens, terrace gardens	✓	✓	<b>X</b>

## Soil Related

Initial soil testing: at around \$185 for a single test, that's out of the league for most home gardeners	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Soil amendments based on the soil tests	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Soil that has been remineralized with a selection of rock dusts	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Tested levels of soil organic matter and a value of > 50 for the cation exchange capacity	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Soil inoculation with powerful beneficial soil bacterium to provide nitrogen, carbon and mobilized plant nutrients	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Feeding those bacterium at regular intervals and re-inoculation	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Annual soil testing of all soils and amendments designed to ameliorate deficiencies	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Biodynamic preparations added to the soil to boost microbial life and humus formation	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓

## Watering - Irrigation options and who can do them

Watering by hand or by water can	✓	✓	✓
Basic irrigation system installed with tap timer	✓	✓	✓
Automated watering system to be installed	✓	✓	✓
Advanced watering system with soil moisture sensing that needs to be installed	<b>X</b>	✓	✓

## Plant related:

### Seedlings:

Seeds inoculated with mycorrhizal fungi populations		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
Additions of humic acid to seedlings to stimulate robust, healthy growth.		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓
All plantings are done in cycle with the phases of the moon		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓

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Seeds are grown in flats, and picked out at a few weeks old into 250ml pots where the seedlings have ample room for growth	X	X	✓
Foliar sprays of fish/seaweed emulsion are used weekly	X	X	✓
You get what you want with respect to numbers of seedlings and you don't need to buy punnet lots	X	X	✓

## Transplanting:

Adolescent plants are transplanted after soaking the root ball in humic acid	X	X	✓
Companion planting	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓
Plant densities are boosted by following a hexagonal planting pattern	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓
Understoreys of nitrogenous legumes promoted	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓

## Succession planting:

Crop rotations respected	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓
Bio dynamic compost added to the soil between plantings	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓
Veggies of your choice planted	Not Sure	Not Sure	✓

## As a home gardener, what else may I need or need to do?

Fertilizers	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Soil amendments	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Pest control	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Fungicides	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Trace Elements	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Compost	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Seeds or seedlings	Needed	Not Sure	✓ In the plan
Planting	Your choice	Not Sure	We can do for you
Watering	Your responsibility	Not Sure	X

## Growing out - Vital Veggie Visits services:

Foliar sprays of fish/seaweed emulsion are used on alternate visits	Maybe	Not Sure	✓
Soil inoculations of mycorrhizal fungi for improved root and hence plant performance alternating visits	Maybe	Not Sure	✓

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Soil inoculations of beneficial soil bacteria with alternating visits	Maybe	Not sure	✓
Weeding	✓	✓	✓
Plant replacement from accidental damage	At your cost	Not sure	✓

## Who gardens for you?

Do you have a master gardener, trained in all aspects of veggie growing that actually does the gardening?	No	Not sure	Absolutely
Do you have a university trained agronomist to guide you with anything tricky?	No	Not sure	Absolutely
Do you have an entire team expert in soils, plant propagation, growing and problem solving to help you excel?	No	Not sure	Absolutely
Is there someone you can talk with 24 / 7 about what's happening in your garden?	No	Unlikely	Absolutely

## Listening to what you want...

Does your garden service offer you support 24 / 7 ?	No	Unlikely	Absolutely
Can I change things online? ( available during 2013 )	No	Unlikely	Absolutely
Do you have gardening app for smart phones? ( available during 2013 )	No	Unlikely	Absolutely
Can I change to different service levels as I need and I feel more capable?			
Can I change the veggies I want to grow?	Eat them first	Eat them	Yes, once they've been eaten
What if I want to stop completely?	No	Not sure	Yes, OK and how depends on your starting plan