

# How To *Plan* Your Tower Garden

Welcome to Tower Garden! We're so glad you're a part of our growing community and are here to help you have the best growing experience with Tower Garden, whether you have a green thumb or not! We've got you covered when it comes to planning your garden, so get ready to get planning and planting!

## 1. Find the Ideal Location

With a 3 sq. ft. footprint, Tower Garden fits almost anywhere. In addition to space, be sure to consider these factors when choosing a location for your Tower:



### Light

Most plants need 6–8 hours of full sun or, 14–16 hours under Grow Lights indoors. Check seed packet labels for plant-specific light requirements. If you grow outside in a location with intense summer heat, keep in mind your plants may appreciate a little afternoon shade.



### Water

Since Tower Garden uses a water + nutrients solution, a nearby source for clean water is critical. It's best to not use softened, heavily chlorinated or very hard water.

***Tower Tip:** To remove chlorine, fill a bucket with water and leave it out in full sun for 48 hours. Alternatively, add the water to your Tower Garden and run it for 48 hours before adding plants.*



### Electricity

You'll need electricity to run the pump (and lights if you're growing indoors).

## 2. Pick Plants



### Food preferences

What produce will you actually use? To answer this, consider what you use currently or what you typically bring home from the supermarket.

If you're new to gardening, stick with plants that are easy to grow on your first go-around like:

- **Leafy Greens:** lettuces, arugula, chard, kale
- **Herbs:** Basil, Cilantro, Dill, Mint, Parsley



### Plant Arrangement and Quantity

Have your list of plants? The next step is to determine how many of each you need, and how you should arrange them. Here's a handy guide:

#### **Ideal Planting Locations:**

- **Top:** Small plants like lettuces, herbs, strawberries, chard, celery
- **Middle:** Medium Plants like peppers, eggplant, beans, kale, collards, sugar snap peas
- **Bottom:** Large plants like tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, all squash (no more than 4 large or vine plants per Tower Garden is recommended)

For the average family, here is a guide to the number of each type of vegetable seedling we suggest planting (but of course it's up to you based on your preferences):

O= Outdoor I= Indoor

- **Herbs:** 1 of each (O, I)
- **Lettuces:** 5-10 (O, I)
- **Bell Peppers:** 1-2 (O)
- **Butternut Squash:** 1 (O)
- **Eggplant:** 1 (O)
- **Green Beans:** 4+ (O)
- **Spaghetti Squash:** 1 (O)
- **Sugar Snap Peas:** 4+ (O)
- **Summer Squash:** 1 (O)
- **Tomatoes:** 1 (O)
- **Zucchini:** 1 (O)



### 3. Supplies

Your Tower Garden kit comes with everything you need to get started. If you're starting a new garden or a new harvest in your existing garden, make sure you have these items ready to go before you plant:

- **Seeds or Seedlings**
- **Mineral Blend**
- **Net Pots**
- **Rockwool Cubes**

Depending on what and where you're planting, here are some additional accessories to consider that can be found on [towergarden.com](http://towergarden.com):

- **Support Cage (for vine growing plants)**
- **Weather Protection Blanket**
- **LED Grow Lights**



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