

Carbon Gardening

Carbon gardening is about gardening in a way that understands the carbon footprint that is associated with various gardening products. In this way, gardening can become carbon neutral or even carbon negative.

The aim of carbon gardening is therefore not only to plant species that are effective at capturing and storing carbon, but to recover organic materials that would otherwise become waste and end up in landfills. Organic materials that end up in landfills decompose in a way that generates gas, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.

Carbon gardening encourages the practice of gardening in such a way that it reduces the carbon footprint. This is done by capturing and storing carbon within the garden which offsets the carbon that is being released into the atmosphere.

Carbon gardening products that can offset carbon in your garden are **composts, mulches** and **soil conditioners**. These products provide your garden with vital nutrients, storing carbon in an environmentally friendly way. They avoid the need for non-organic fertilizers and pesticides, and divert them from landfill sites.

Here are some other **green** tips:

- Use recycled or artificial stone
- Source all wooden products from plantations
- Grow your own produce - this reduces carbon emissions and chemicals produced by large businesses and farms
- Use natural pesticides
- Remove weeds as soon as they occur
- Use environmentally safe cleaning products so you can recycle waste water on the garden
- Use slow growing, drought tolerant lawn varieties
- Install a rainwater tank
- Use plants that are indigenous to your area
- Plant trees - these absorb and store carbon dioxide