

**URBAN GARDENING 101**

# Resource List

Site, Soil, and Seeds



## PUBLICATIONS

- ***The New Sunset Western Garden Book***  
The Editors of Sunset. All-around resource for anything that grows in the West.
- ***Western Garden Book of Edibles: The Complete A-Z Guide to Growing Your Own Vegetables, Herbs, and Fruits***  
The Editors of Sunset.
- ***Edible Landscaping***  
Rosalind Creasy
- ***From Seed to Skillet***  
Jimmy Williams with Susan Heeger

## SOIL TESTING

Soil analysis can tell you a lot about what's in your soil in terms of nutrient levels, contaminants, etc. When planting fruits and vegetables in the ground, it is a necessity. There are two kinds of soil tests, one for chemical and contaminant testing and one for organic soil biology testing.

- **Wallace Labs (<https://wlabs.com>)**  
Chemical, contaminants, nutrient deficiencies
- **Waypoint Analytics (<https://www.waypointanalytical.com/HomeOwners>)**  
Chemical, contaminants, nutrient deficiencies
- **Earthfort (<https://earthfort.com/soil-testing-lab/>)**  
Biological soil testing

## SOIL

We recommend buying good quality, sustainable soil from local sources where possible.

- **LGM Soil (<https://lgmsoil.com/>)**  
We like to use LGM soil for starting seeds and many other uses because it doesn't contain extra nutrients. This gives us greater control over nutrient additions.
- **Kellogg Products (<https://www.kelloggarden.com/>)**  
For a nutrient rich soil, we recommend Gardener and Bloom, E. B. Stone, or Kellogg products, also made locally.
- **Whittier Fertilizer (<https://whittierfertilizer.com/>)**  
For bulk soil or compost we like Whittier Fertilizer, in Whittier.

## SEED SOURCES

- **Johnny's Selected Seeds (<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/>)**  
Our go-to for most seed orders. Huge selection.
- **Native Seeds Search (<https://www.nativeseeds.org/>)**  
Promoting native foods of the Southwest region.
- **Kitazawa (<https://www.kitazawaseed.com/>)**  
Asian vegetable specialist.
- **Row 7 (<https://www.row7seeds.com/>)**  
Gourmet, chef-selected and bred varieties.

## SEED STARTING MATERIALS

- **Grow Organic (<https://www.groworganic.com/>)**