



## Your 25 Point Checklist to avoid pesky garden problems!

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Are you feeling overwhelmed from too much information and gardening advice?

Would you like to grow more food?

Enjoy a thriving garden...Yep!

You've followed the steps...wondered what you've missed.

Are you having small successes, but at times becoming struggle?

You're hungry for simple solutions, but you want to master it!

You want to make a bigger impact in the world, or your community.

Gardening should be a pleasure, not a chore!

Use this checklist to ensure you're on the right (garden) path to successful growing.

### ***Have you...***

1. Did you plan your garden to maximise sunshine? Get to know where the maximum sunshine is during winter to ensure your garden grows year round. Yes  No
2. Have you designed in garden elements (raised beds, fruit trees, compost, water tanks/taps, etc) to ensure they are in the best location for ease of access? Yes  No
3. When you built garden spaces did you consider the time you have available to maintain them? If you have limited time then create one or two garden spaces to grow. More time available then create more gardens. Yes  No



4. Have you created pathways for easy access to all garden spaces? Yes  No
5. Are you digging suitable size holes to plant trees and shrubs? They'll grow bigger and have deeper root systems if there's room to move. Yes  No
6. Have you added organic matter to improve your soil? Remember – Healthy Soil = Healthy Food. Yes  No
7. Have you ever completed a pH test of your garden soil? Get to know your soil pH before putting plants into your garden. Yes  No
8. Do you create no-dig gardens? The quickest and cheapest method for building garden beds for your kitchen garden. Yes  No
9. Have you chosen plants suitable for your climate? Plants are healthier growing in a climate they enjoy. Yes  No
10. Are you growing a mix of perennials and annuals? This saves time and money by growing both. Yes  No
11. Do you sow seeds into punnets or small pots? Keep them watered twice per day with a small hand sprayer. Yes  No
12. Have you considered growing mixed species of plants in each garden bed? This is called inter-cropping and is essential for healthy soil and minimal pests. Yes  No
13. Have you used premium potting mix when growing in containers? Always choose THE best! Yes  No
14. To keep your fruit trees healthy and productive, have you fed fruit trees regularly, eg each season and mulched around each tree? This also helps to keep trees resistant to pests and diseases. Yes  No



15. I hope you've setup a simple 'In-Garden' Compost system? (please say Yes! ) Yes  No
16. Are you watering your compost ingredients regularly to stay moist? Ingredients break down quicker if they are moist...but not over-wet. Yes  No
17. Checked all irrigation pipes and sprayers/drippers to ensure they aren't blocked and are working correctly? Yes  No
18. Have you scheduled the timer on irrigation system for sufficient watering of garden? Watering requirements change between each season. Yes  No
19. Have you placed a bird bath in your garden to attract birds? They'll eat the bugs in your garden! Yes  No
20. Are you following bio-diversity methods to encourage 'good' bugs to your garden? Try planting flowers and herbs to encourage those good ones! Yes  No
21. I'm hoping you've removed the use of chemical weed sprays? Chemicals kill weeds, but also the organisms in soil which are useful to ensure you have healthy plants. Yes  No
22. Did you follow my 'Sheet Mulching' method to smother and kill weeds? Yes  No
23. Are you regularly harvesting foods so you enjoy them before little critters do? Yes  No
24. Have you established a succession planting program to ensure you have a constant supply of fresh food growing? Yes  No
25. Are you pruning shrubs to keep them at manageable size and off pathways/walkways or out of gutters? Yes  No

For all Yes answers, great! You are on the right track!

For No answers I suggest you consider trying my suggestions and see if this brings positive results to your garden. Head to [soiltosupper.com](http://soiltosupper.com) for extra information!