

Upcycle as a Planter

Reference this list of everyday items when growing food to save money and garden more sustainably.



- Metal can (e.g. soup, beans)
- Dog food can
- Egg carton (seed starter)
- Milk or OJ carton (any size)
- Soda or beer bottle/can
- Wine or olive oil bottle
- Starbucks/coffee paper cup
- Mason or pickle jar
- Ice tray (seed starter)
- Cut open coconut shell
- Milk crate
- Coffee or tea mug
- Teapot or stove pot
- Rice bag
- Coffee bean bag
- Potato sack
- Mesh produce bag

- Clay pot
- Laundry basket
- Jewelry box
- Ottoman
- Felt, cowboy or bucket hat
- Bike helmet
- Tennis shoe or boot
- Wicker basket
- Suitcase or duffel bag
- Travel toiletries bag
- Drawstring bag
- Army chest
- Old bookshelf (raised bed)
- Nightstand (lay on its back)
- Hanging shoe organizer (vines)
- Multi-compartment display or ofrenda (seed starters)

- Metal toolbox
- Old cookie tin (sewing kit)
- Toilet, sink or bathtub
- Car tire (hollow out, can hang)
- Top/cover of barbecue
- Mailbox
- Little Free Library
- Antique wooden soda crates
- Red kids wagon
- Kiddie or dog pool
- Cut open football, baseball, etc.
- Sports helmet or cleats
- Camping ice cooler
- Birdcage
- Litter box
- Dog food bowl
- Fish bowl

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