Vegetable production
– Making a door garden –

agriculture, forestry & fisheries

Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
You only need a small area to plant your own vegetables.

Dig a hole the size of a door.

Work the topsoil to one side.

Work the subsoil to the other side.
Keep the topsoil and subsoil apart.

Gather pieces of paper, cardboard, kitchen waste, tins, bones, manure and any other garbage.

Do not put glass or plastic in the hole.

Flatten the tins by trampling them. Tear the paper in small pieces.
Then spread over the garbage.

Fill the hole up to half with paper, cardboard, kitchen waste, tins, bones, manure and any other garbage except glass and plastic.

Mix the subsoil with grass, leaves and straw.

Trample everything down.

Topsoil

Subsoil

Then spread over the garbage.
Fill the hole with topsoil.

Cover the topsoil with a layer of straw and fine leaves.

Plant the seedlings. Allow enough space for each plant to grow well.

Spread grass and leaves among the seedlings.
Water the vegetables regularly, preferably in the morning.

Later you will have your own fresh vegetables.
When you have pulled up one kind of vegetable, cover the soil with kraal manure, leaves, straw and groundnut husks.

Now you can plant another kind of vegetable.
May your vegetable garden be a great success!

For more information, contact your nearest extension office.