

3. Do you only have a patio or balcony and want to plant edibles? A decorative container or even a wine box is enough to get you started. When it comes to food gardening, national trends indicate a growing public interest up from 58 percent in 2011 to 61 percent in 2012. People want to know what they are eating and are finding that fresh is feasible and family friendly.

4. Are your water bills sky high yet your lawn looks dry and brown? Maybe it's time to pull out the grass, spread the gravel, plant succulents, and install eye-catching wine barrels as rain gutter saving devices! Raise your glass to ingenuity!

5. Frigidaire will be happy to know that there is life after oven demise. That 1950s Leave it to Beaver stove/oven combo is reborn as a plant tool shed and potting stand. If only the washtub could talk!

6. Time has run out on the meter and a quarter isn't enough to get the wine press working again. These unique items add a charm and conversation starter to any home exterior. The raccoon hiding behind the spider plants agree.

7. Instead of installing a gate to enter into another garden room, what about using an old door? The creeping ivy adds to the mystery behind the portals.

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