

The Foodscape Revolution

by Brie Arthur

WHAT IS A FOODSCAPE?

A foodscape is simply the integration of edible plants in traditional ornamental landscapes. It is all about making the most of the existing square footage by cultivating open mulch space with seasonable vegetables. Organic land management strategies are employed to ensure that public and private landscapes are utilizing biological controls, natural fertilizers, and soil science methodologies.

HOW TO FOODSCAPE

- Utilize the existing ornamental base of plants
- Design around the SUNNIEST areas- vegetables prefer full sun
- Vegetables need supplemental water, especially in summer
- Plant edibles or sow seeds directly in the open mulch space
- Start by planting bed edges because they are easily accessible, underutilized and exist in every landscape
- Design with a bio-diversity selection of plants
- Beneficial insects will be attracted and help manage pests
- Common diseases are reduced when you incorporate your food crops in the landscape instead of segregating them
- Manage the entire landscape organically
- Soil Matters Most! Soil3 is THE BEST amendment available

WATERING AND MAINTENANCE

- No “one size fits all” rule to watering; If plants are wilting, they need water!
- Drip systems can be difficult when growing seasonal crops
- Overhead irrigation recommended

FERTILIZER

- Organic is best for long-term success: Plant Tone, Cotton seed meal, and Fish emulsion are my go-to's
- I apply Plant-Tone in March and October in everything
- I apply Fish emulsion once a month April- September
- No additional fertilizer needed through cool season

INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL

- Insecticidal soap is easy to make and effective
- Dormant oil in winter season
- Copper sulfate for fungal pathogens
- Bacillus thuringiensis (BT) for caterpillars
- Biological controls

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HERBICIDE USE

- Hand weeding is always most effective for instant results
- Focus on ground plane coverage to reduce weeds
- Grow cover crops seasonally to improve soil fertility

DEALING WITH ANIMALS

- Fencing, Netting and Cages
- Block deer runs with spiky plants such as Yucca
- Repellents: MY FAVORITE IS **I Must Garden**
- Reflect tape or CD's on fishing line to deter antler rubbing
- Motion censored irrigation works the best
- VoleKing.com is an INCREDIBLE PRODUCT
- Plant bed edges: Arugula, 'Micrette' Basil, Garlic, Onions, Peppers and Potatoes

GENERAL RESOURCE LINKS

Brie's YouTube

[\(344\) Brie The Plant Lady - YouTube](#)

GGWTV:

<https://www.growingagreenerworld.com/>

FOODSCAPING VIDEOS

Fall Direct Seeding

<https://youtu.be/KD4Q9ebLnug>

Spring Foodscape Tour

<https://youtu.be/Yl8MauqYisM>

Summer Foodscape Tour

https://youtu.be/wDcC1VL_nvQ

Fall Foodscape Tour

<https://youtu.be/HK2BZdhnA2s>

Winter Foodscape Tour

<https://youtu.be/SeT6YH6K324>

Weed ID

<https://youtu.be/h4BjDYpkQ58>

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Brie's Heirloom Tomato Juice



Serve fresh over ice, freeze for future parties, water bath to preserve, share as party favors and holiday gifts!

- Slice garden fresh tomatoes in quarters and add to food processor
 - Pulse for 10-15 seconds
 - Pour through strainer, collecting juice in bowl
 - Squeeze the tomato paste dry
- * Use raw tomato paste in Brie's Garden Fresh Salsa
- * Roast paste at 400F for 45-60 minutes for Brie's Easy Tomato Soup and Pizza/ Pasta Sauce

Brie's Homegrown Bloody

Set up a make your own station so everyone can enjoy a custom drink.
Serve in a ball jar over ice with a lid for regular shaking



- 1/2 quart fresh tomato juice
- 1 shot of vodka or gin for added spirit
- 1 tbs dill pickle juice
- 1 tbs grated fresh horseradish
- 1 tbs Worcester Sauce
- 1 tbs Hot Sauce
- 1 tbs aged Balsamic Vinegar
- Dash of freshly ground pepper
- Garnish with olive, jalapeno, lime