

# Vacations and Gardening

Maintaining a healthy garden takes lots of time and care. So what do you do while away on vacation? Try these tips from [www.growveg.com](http://www.growveg.com)



## Before you go...

- Weed your garden, so the weeds aren't taking water away from the other plants.
- Give your garden lots of water just before you leave.
- Ensure that there is fresh mulch on your garden. The mulch retains moisture to prevent your garden from drying out.

## Group your Potted Plants

- Placing your potted plants close to each other will create a more humid "micro climate" and the plants will help each other thrive.

## Be Preventative

- If you think a plant may soon require a stake to help support it, put it in place before you go, it might surprise you how fast some plants can grow!
- Harvest any ripe veggies or fruit. This prevents them from rotting while you're away.

## Set up a Watering Bulb

- Watering bulbs such as [this one](#) work well to provide small amounts of water over a long period of time.
- Tip: if you don't have a watering bulb, a water bottle works well too!

## Don't Forget Sun Safety!

- Consider moving potted plants out of the sun, or putting a shade over the beds, if you know that your plants won't be getting as much water.

## Ask a Neighbour or Community Organization (Kinsmen, Lions Club etc.)

- Have a trusted neighbour or community organization drop by to water your plants and check on your garden. Just make sure they know how much water the plants need and how frequently to water them!
- Tip: To help them out, leave the watering can out by the garden hose, and consider placing markers by the plants that need watering. And remember to thank them!



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