



Biointensive Agriculture:  
Techniques to strengthen  
household vegetable garden  
production

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# Biointensive Agriculture- part of the TOPS Permagarden Methodology



What are the main technical challenges we face in implementing kitchen garden programs?























# Biointensive techniques

What are critical success factors to ensure these gardens are productive?

- Soil fertility
- Soil moisture
- Soil organic matter
- Basic agronomic skills
- Technical support

# Biointensive techniques

## Permagarden methodology

- An approach to maximize crop production in small spaces around the home.
- Based on the appropriate use of local resources, water conservation and long-term soil fertility measures
- Protective and multifunctional features of Permaculture
  - Water, protection
- Productive elements of Biointensive agriculture
  - Double digging
  - Community-sourced soil amendments
  - Compost

# TOPS Permagarden training

**3 day training** based on the following modules:

- Community Resource Walk and Landscape Mapping
- Water Harvesting, Control and Conservation
- Biointensive Soil Preparation and Community-sourced Soil Amendments
- Biointensive Planting Techniques and Management
- Compost
- Liquid Fertilizers and Botanic Teas
- Botanical Pesticides and Fungicides
- Garden Protection, Maintenance and Follow-up

# The Permagarden Approach



Community-based training



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# Community Resource Walk and Landscape Mapping



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# Planting techniques and management





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Garden protection and management











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