



# Tilling A New Garden



The weather is taking a turn and we are heading into spring! This time of the year is the most ideal time to setup a new garden or add onto an existing one. When doing this, a tiller can make your project a lot easier. Here we have a 6 (six) step process for tilling your new garden.

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## 1. Pick A Spot For Your Garden

Not only is picking the location for your garden the first step, it is one of the most important steps in the process. Selecting a poor location can make it extremely difficult for your plants to reach their full potential.

An ideal location for your garden will have the following characteristics:

- Easily accessible
- Close to a watering source or utilize in-ground irrigation
- Not too much shade – Avoid large trees and shrubs that cast shadows
- Full sun – At least 6 hours a day is recommended for most plants to thrive

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## 2. Select A Tiller

There are several kinds of tillers available. To determine which one would tackle your job the best, you need to look at the area you have selected for your garden. Are you repurposing untouched land? Or are you using an area that had previously held a garden?

## Using An Area That Had Previously Held A Garden

### 2.5 HP Tiller



- Mid-Tine
- 50 lbs.
- 23" Tilling Width
- Single Forward Speed
- Adjustable Drag Bar
- Ideal For Small Previously Existing Garden Areas

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### 5 HP Tiller



- Mid-Tine
- 79 lbs.
- 27" Tilling Width
- Single Forward Speed
- Adjustable Drag Bar
- Ideal For Small Previously Existing Garden Areas

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## Repurposing Untouched Land



### 8 HP Tiller

- Rear-Tine
- 275 lbs.
- 20" Tilling Width
- 3 Speeds Forward - 1 Speed Reverse
- Self Propelled
- Deeper Tilling Depth
- Ideal For Tilling Through Sod or Heavily Compacted Soil

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## 3. Personal Protective Equipment - PPE

Before using the tiller you have selected, make sure you are wearing following Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):

- Gloves
- Eye Protection

- Boots
- Hearing Protection

## 4. Select Till Depth & Test

Select your till depth based on your plant requirements. Once selected, set the till depth on the unit (if applicable) and test in a small section. Adjust the depth and continue to test as needed. Once satisfied, you are ready to till!

## 5. Till

When tilling it is best to go slow and steady. Start along the edge of your new garden area and work your way in. Once you reach the end of a row, disengage the tines, turn and reposition the unit along the edge of the previously tilled row (like mowing a lawn) and continue. Repeat this until the entire area has been tilled.

## 6. Clean & Return/Store

After tilling your new garden the last step is to clean the tiller before returning it to your local rental store, or storing it if you own the tiller. Moisture and grime can build up on the unit and become corrosive. Ensuring the unit is free of dirt and debris when sitting for long periods of time can help prevent this.

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All of this will help aerate the soil as it mulches in the grass and weeds. This also creates a soft "landing pad" for your seeds to germinate. Your new garden is now tilled and prepped for planting!

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