

# DIY Hacks: Transform Everyday Items into Cheap Gardening Tools



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Looking for cheap gardening tools that won't break the bank? You don't need to spend a fortune to equip your garden with everything you need. By repurposing everyday items, you can create functional and cost-effective tools that make gardening easier and more enjoyable. Here are ten creative DIY hacks to help you save money while tending to your garden.

## 1. Repurpose Old Spoons into Plant

# Markers

[Old spoons](#) make excellent plant markers. Simply clean them, paint the handles with chalkboard paint, and use chalk to label your plants. This way, you can easily change the labels as needed. The sturdy metal withstands weather conditions, making them a durable option. Plus, they add a charming, vintage touch to your garden.

## 2. Use Milk Jugs as Watering Cans

Transform empty milk jugs into functional watering cans. Poke small holes in the lid to create a gentle sprinkle effect. The large capacity of milk jugs makes them perfect for hydrating multiple plants at once. They're lightweight and easy to carry, reducing the strain on your arms. This hack not only saves money but also reduces plastic waste.

## 3. Create Seed Starters from Egg Cartons

[Egg cartons](#) are ideal for starting seeds. Fill each compartment with soil and plant your seeds. The compartments hold moisture well, promoting healthy seedling growth. Once the seedlings are ready, you can plant the whole carton in the ground; the carton will decompose naturally. This method is eco-friendly and keeps your garden organized.

## 4. Convert a Plastic Bottle into a Drip Irrigation System

Plastic bottles can be used to create an efficient drip irrigation system. Poke small holes in the sides of a bottle and bury it near the roots of your plants. Fill the bottle with water, and it will slowly release moisture directly to

the roots. This method conserves water and ensures your plants are consistently hydrated. It's perfect for both garden beds and potted plants.

## 5. Turn a Rake into a Multi-Purpose Tool Holder



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An old rake head can be [repurposed](#) as a tool holder. Mount the rake head on a wall or fence, and use the tines to hang small tools, gloves, and other gardening essentials. This keeps your tools organized and easily accessible. It also saves space, making it ideal for small gardening sheds. Plus, it adds a rustic, practical element to your garden area.

## 6. Use a Muffin Tin to Space Out Seedlings

A muffin tin is a great tool for evenly spacing out seedlings. Press the [muffin tin](#) into the soil to create perfectly spaced indentations. These indentations ensure each plant has enough room to grow without crowding. This method is especially useful for novice gardeners. It's a simple yet effective way to improve your garden's layout.

## 7. Create a Compost Bin from Wooden Pallets

Wooden pallets can be transformed into a sturdy compost bin. Arrange the pallets in a square shape and secure them with nails or zip ties. This bin provides excellent airflow, which is crucial for composting. It's a cost-effective alternative to store-bought compost bins. Plus, it keeps your garden waste contained and out of sight.

## 8. Make Garden Kneeling Pads from Old Yoga Mats

Old [yoga mats](#) can be cut into sections to create comfortable garden kneeling pads. These pads protect your knees from hard, rough ground. They're easy to clean and durable, making them perfect for outdoor use. This hack also extends the life of your yoga mat. It's a simple way to repurpose an item that might otherwise go to waste.

## 9. Use Wine Corks as Garden Mulch



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Wine corks can be shredded and used as mulch. Spread the shredded corks around your plants to retain moisture and prevent weeds. Cork is a natural material that decomposes slowly, providing long-lasting benefits. This method is both eco-friendly and visually appealing. It's a unique way to recycle corks and enhance your garden's health.

## **10. Convert a Laundry Basket into a Harvesting Bin**

A plastic [laundry basket](#) makes an excellent harvesting bin. The holes in the basket allow dirt to fall through, keeping your produce clean. It's lightweight and easy to carry around the garden. This hack saves you from purchasing specialized harvesting baskets. It's a practical and cost-effective solution for gathering your garden's bounty.

# **Cheap Gardening Tools: Embrace Creativity and Save Money**

With a bit of creativity, you can transform everyday items into cheap gardening tools that are both functional and cost-effective. These DIY hacks not only save money but also promote sustainability by repurposing household items. Embrace these ideas to enhance your gardening experience without breaking the bank. Your garden, wallet and the environment will thank you!