

In our hectic world, it's becoming ever more essential to carve out moments of peace and connection with nature to sustain a well-rounded and healthy existence.

Gardening offers a sanctuary—a place where you can immerse yourself in the beauty of nature, cultivate life, and reap the bountiful benefits it has to offer.

## **Benefits**

### **Physical Health:**

- Increased strength, flexibility, and endurance
- Improved cardiovascular health
- Improved bone health and immune function

#### **Mental Health:**

- Reduced stress
- Improved mood
- Decreased feelings of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders

## **Tips to Get Started**

#### Start Small

Begin with a small garden bed or container garden to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

### Choose Low-Maintenance Plants

Try starting with herbs, succulents, cacti, leafy greens, cherry tomatoes, or marigolds.

#### Learn as You Go

Don't be afraid to experiment and make mistakes—gardening is a learning curve.

## **Nurturing Wellness Through Gardening**

# **Planting Flowers and Herbs**

Flowers such as lavender and chamomile can soothe the senses and promote relaxation, while herbs like basil and mint offer fresh flavors for culinary creations.

## **Creating a Sensory Garden**

Incorporate plants with varying textures, colors, and fragrances to stimulate touch, sight, and smell.

Add wind chimes or water features to create soothing sounds and include edible plants for taste sensations.

