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Due to decreasing arable land caused by the constantly increasing population, people are increasingly practising urban farming.

Grow bags are an easy way of beginning an urban garden because they are an inexpensive way to add area to your garden or to begin gardening. When growing in growbags, there is no need to remove grass or prepare the area. You simply fill the bags with soil and you are good to go. Grow bags are easy to store when not in use and they are movable

## Disadvantages

The main disadvantage with grow bags has to do with watering. Because they are breathable, plants will dry out quickly hence requiring more frequent watering.

The other disadvantage of grow bags is that once the grow bags are full of soil, they can be rilly heavy hence it is important that you be sure of the location you want to put them before filling the grow bags.

## Tips for success

Choose a plant that grows well in a container. Plants that grow well in other containers will grow well in grow bags. Examples of these include potatoes, cucumber, lettuce, egg plants carrots and others.

Use a self watering grow bag for thirsty plants like tomatoes and squash. These will be happier when they have a regular access to water. Self watering grow bags have a water reservoir in them that helps store water for the plant.

Choose the best size of the grow bag for your plant.

Fill the grow bag with the best type of soil. Regular garden soil is too heavy and will cause the grow bag to be compacted.

Use a mixture of compost, peat moss and vermiculite.

Put the grow bags in the best location that receives between 6 to 8 hours of sunlight.