



Garden In A Barrel

“A lot of people want to have a garden but don’t have enough space. Barrel gardening may be the answer, even if you only have a few square feet to work with,” says Nathaniel Burson of Big Sandy, Texas.

He’s come up with a low-cost system that lets you convert used plastic barrels into highly productive container gardens.

“Lettuce, beets, carrots, strawberries, potatoes, tomatoes, and many other kinds of plants can be grown in barrels. You can grow practically an entire garden in just one barrel,” says Burson.

The idea is to make “pockets” around the outside of the barrel, and then fill it with soil. Plants grow in the pockets and also on top. The bottom of the barrel is punctured to create drainage.

To make the pockets a heat gun is used to heat the plastic, then a saw is used to cut 6-in. long slits at intervals into the barrel. A specially cut wooden brace is then wedged into each slit to make the pocket. Once the plastic cools down the braces can be pulled out.

A 30-gal. barrel will produce enough lettuce for the average family to have a salad a couple times a week. The barrels can even be stacked on top of each other for more efficient use of space.

“A 55-gal. barrel will hold 72 plants on the outside and a lot more on top. If you’re really cramped for space, you can also use plastic 5-gal. buckets,” says Burson.

To make the barrel gardens easy to water, he inserts a piece of pvc pipe down the center of the barrel with holes drilled into it.

Burson has plans and more information on his website.

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Battery-powered picking cart comes with a vinyl canopy that protects both the crop and the operator from sun or rain.

Picking Cart Lets You Lay Down On The Job

The battery-powered crop-picking cart from CropCare makes field work quieter and more productive. Two, high torque, planetary gear motors keep the cart moving even in rough conditions.

A 12-volt, deep cycle battery with its own 110-volt automatic charger provides power. Two models are available. One has a 24 series battery and 4 hr. run time, (11 hrs. picking time) and is priced at \$2,795. The second has a 27 series battery with a 6 hr. run time, (16 hrs. picking time). It’s priced at \$2,845. Both offer ground speeds of up to 18 ft./min.

The picking platform is equipped with foot pedal control for forward and reverse. Durable and easy to clean, vinyl-covered, foam pads adjust to any height picker. A vinyl canopy protects both the crop and the operator from sun or rain.

A high capacity storage tray mounts ahead of the operator for setting out plants or picking produce. A shelf beneath the canopy provides shaded storage for produce or supplies. Quick release pins and cushioned handles make it easy to raise the cart from 20 to 30 in. above the ground to match crop height. Wheelbase can be adjusted from 36 to 66 in. by moving the non-drive wheel in or out on the rear axle.

The lightweight cart can easily be pulled into position by hand. Multiple carts can be towed to the field with a single ATV, tractor or truck.

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“Rataway” Keeps Pest Animals Away

Rodents and other animals mark territory with their scent, which attracts more animals. Rataway Fragrance gets rid of the scent and therefore eliminates the attraction.

Dilute the concentrated Rataway Fragrance with a gallon of distilled water and spray it on all types of surfaces including wiring, engines and other parts of vehicles; combines, tractors, other farm machinery and heavy equipment; phone and electrical cables; heating and air conditioning units and even camping equipment, stored food and heirlooms.

Jim Rambin, a Louisiana chicken producer, had problems with rat damage to his wiring and water lines. He uses Rataway Fragrance on hoses, wiring, tractors, trucks, plastic water line, etc., and has noticed a lot less damage.

Every night Larry Schultz sprays regular Rataway Fragrance under the hood of his car parked outside. “It’s worth the preventative



“It works great in combines,” says the inventor of Rataway.

cost,” he says, after he incurred expenses from damage by rabbits.

Rataway Fragrance is concentrated and makes enough to spray a car engine 50 times. Sells for \$25 postpaid.

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