The Right Start

Hold the Sunscreen

Too much pavement, not enough soil? Fill a barrel or planter. No rain? Get the hose. Gardeners can supply soil and water but there’s no substitute for full-on summer sun. To be productive, tomatoes need it all day long.

Get to the Root of It

Gardeners eager to plant may under-estimate how much improving the soil first will affect their results. Digging in compost, peat or another organic material may seem like too much work. Yet once you enjoy the payback, you’ll want to do it every year.