How “green” is your vegetable garden?

Try these simple techniques to make your garden more sustainable:

**Recycle garden waste**

...to build better soil
- Home composting reduces waste going to the landfill and generates compost, a great fertilizer and soil amendment for your vegetable garden.

**Use drip systems**

...to conserve water
- Drip irrigation applies water only where it’s needed, so losses to evaporation and runoff are reduced. Keeping foliage dry also prevents the spread of fungal diseases.

**Rotate crops**

...to discourage pests and diseases
- When the same crop is grown repeatedly in the same soil, diseases and pests accumulate. Alternating between root crops, leafy crops, fruiting crops, and legumes can prevent this problem.

**Attract beneficial insects**

...to control pests naturally
- Plant nectar and pollen providing insectary plants to attract beneficial insects that can help control insect pests.