



## Bountiful Backyard Gardening Tips from the Harlows

### Spring Gardening

Gene and Jan Harlow of Laurel, MS are fabulously successful gardeners. Their small (but impressive!) backyard garden has been featured numerous times in Southern Living Magazine. The Harlows have been using MightyGrow Living Organic Fertilizer for a few years. Thank you, Gene and Jan, for sharing these springtime gardening tips!

**Composting** - Jan puts everything that comes out of the garden into the compost bin (except tomatoes) and uses MightyGrow as a compost starter. This provides minerals and microbes.

**General soil amending** - Late winter/early spring is a great time for general soil amending. Gene works MightyGrow into his beds while adding compost in late January. No more fertilizer will be needed for his spring garden because MightyGrow is a slow release fertilizer, feeding all season.

**New plant sets** - Gene gives new plants a strong start by mixing 1 part MightyGrow to 15-20 parts compost. He puts this nutritious mix in the hole with new plant sets.

**Side dressing summer vegetables** - In late June, Gene side dresses his summer veggies like squash, cucumbers and tomatoes. For his green beans, he makes a trench for the MightyGrow to feed the roots.



**Fertilizing the yard** - Gene applies about 1000 lbs per acre of MightyGrow using a rented broadcast spreader that hitches to his four-wheeler. He lets it sling everywhere including flower beds, then he hand applies any places that can't be reached during the broadcast application.

These tips accompany the video on the MightyGrow youtube channel. Check out the video for details.

The Harlows have been featured in these issues of Southern Living Magazine:

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