



Overview of the activity

Create an oasis in your workplace.

Instructions



- Advertise 'share your garden at work' to colleagues.
- Encourage them to bring in seedlings, seeds, cuttings and produce to share and swap.
- Give some advance notice if possible so there is time for seeds to grow
- Assign a couple of days (2 or 3) so people have the chance to bring in more if they forget on the first day.
- If you want to add more into this activity, encourage everyone to share photos of their own gardens. Gardening and recycling hints and tips can also be shared during the week.
- Print out the 2nd page of this document and post up for people to read

Why do this?

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