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Balcony Gardening

Today on Gardening in a Minute: balcony gardening.

If you love gardening but live in a condominium or apartment, here are a few ways to use your balcony for gardening.

First, think about how much sun you get. If you have a north-facing balcony, you'll need to choose shade-tolerant plants.

If you're blessed with plenty of sun, you can grow herbs, flowers, vegetables, and even dwarf fruit trees!

Any type of planter will work, though many balcony gardeners prefer self-watering containers.

Don't be afraid to think beyond your floor space and start using the walls. Add a wall bracket to hold a hanging basket, or choose a vine that can be trained up a trellis.

Or try one of the new vertical garden systems that allow you to grow plants on the wall, almost like a painting!

For more information about balcony gardening and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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