



Urban Garden Trend #3 by GASA: Guerrilla Gardening

Fighting for green spaces!

Guerrilla Gardening is a movement for garden enthusiasts without a garden of their own. Guerrilla gardeners rebel against urban planning that allows insufficient space for green spots. The guerrilla gardeners have a green approach to urban living and aesthetics. And they are not afraid to fight for green spaces.

Green rebellion in the handbag

And then they plant! In rebellion against everyone else's failure to act. Guerrilla Gardening is green civil disobedience of sorts. Of course, it is basically illegal to plant trees where they are not allowed, to drop seeds in soil that does not belong to you or to plant tulip bulbs in the roadside. But sometimes you just have to express your opinion - with flowers!

In big cities, rebellion takes place during radical night raids where people transform a dull centre strip to a lush flowerbed, or in the form of small actions giving a container a green makeover. And to meet the challenge of hard-to-access areas, the Guerrilla Gardeners have developed a formula for seed bombs - a good mix of soil, compost and seeds rolled into small balls that fit easily in your bag and are ready to throw if you come across a dull area.

Fight the city's dust with rakes and flowers

Richard Reynolds, Guerrilla Gardener pioneer and author of the book "On Guerrilla Gardening", advocates the idea that modern people should fight city dirt with rakes and flowers. Richard Reynolds is also behind the blog "Guerrilla Gardening.org" where others who are interested in taking the horticultural battle to the urban frontlines can find inspiration from London, Los Angeles and Aarhus for their own, local guerrilla gardening activities.

From individuality to community

This makes it clear that Guerrilla Gardening expresses a global megatrend. There has been a shift in the way we perceive everything, from communications to gardens. Now, it's about "sharing". About communities. About sharing the garden, flowers, trees - all the green things we love - with others. And if there are no green plants - we create them ourselves! Democratic or not, these are gardens for the community. The fight is on!

Green events

Inspired by the Guerrilla trend, GASA GROUP has created an Urban Garden stand for IPM, the pot-plant industry's most important trade fair, held in Essen, in the midst of Germany's Ruhr district. Because flowers and plants need not be tedious and uninspiring, neither in big cities nor at plant fairs.



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Further information:

www.gasagroup.com/urbangarden

www.guerrillagardening.org

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8WTlqiwYdQ>

On Guerrilla Gardening - a handbook for gardening without boundaries, Richard Reynolds. Bloomsbury.

Guerrilla Gardening - A Manualfesto, David Tracey, New Society Publishers.

Seed bomb formula:

Clay dust/clayey soil, compost, flower seeds and water. Mix to a texture that allows the rolling of walnut-sized balls. Dry them and put them in your handbag... ready to fight for a more beautiful world.



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