Garden and Green Gift Ideas

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Look for these gifts at your local garden center or hardware store. If not available, check the mail order companies listed or the hyperlinks for items that might be difficult to find locally.

Garden Gifts

Seed Packets: Interesting varieties such as heirlooms, tried and true, native or just unusual such as Gete Okosomin squash (“800-year-old Squash”), Glass Gem Heirloom corn, Wisconsin Chief Tomato, Angel Wings gourds, Yellow Echinacea. Find at: Seed Savers, Hirt’s Gardens, Seeds of Change, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds. Cost: $3-5

Garden Connects: Rubber connectors to make a trellis. Find at: Gardeners Edge. Cost: $12/8

Soft Rubber Tie for staking, or Gear Tie. Find at: Hardware stores, Lee Valley. Cost: $4.50

Root Pouch: Fabric pots of recycled plastic. Find at: Womanswork. Cost: $4-$8

Soaps, such as Gardeners Helper (with pine needles), Star Lake Soap, Camper’s Bar (repels insects), Lake Superior Lather. Cost: $5-$10


Garden gloves: nitrile, cushioned, thermal, tick blocking or fit women. Find at: Many stores including Womanswork. Cost: Winter lined women’s leather work gloves, $48.

Seed starting kits: Tray with cell pack inserts. Find at: Local garden center, hardware store, make a waterproof tray from bottom of old plastic laundry basket. Cost: $15-$50

Mosquito Head Net: Attachs to your sunhat. Find at: Camping stores, Womanswork. Cost: $13-$17

Tick Repellent Gaiters: Find at: Lymeez, mesh weave, $30 or Outdoor Research, permethrin, $30-$40

Water Meter: For hose or faucet. Find at: Lee Valley. Cost: $20

Fun, bright watering cans: Such as Bee Skep yellow. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $30

Copper Blocker or Tape: Mesh netting or tape blocks slugs. Find at: Lee Valley. Cost: $17, $30

Hoops for row cover over plants: Similar to a mini greenhouse. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $25/6

White Floating Row Cover: Fabric for vegetables. Find at: Local garden center or garden catalog.

Taller Tomato Cages: Aluminum Vertex brand, folds flat. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $33

Raised bed corner brackets: To build a raised bed or standing raised bed garden. Find at: Many garden catalogs.

Drip Irrigation kit: Find at: Hardware stores, garden stores.

Grow Bag Tomato set with trellis: Folds to store. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $35

Min-Max Thermometer: With a magnet to reset. Find at: Local hardware stores, Lee Valley. Cost: $20-$40

Weather Station: With or without a Wi-Fi connection. Choose brands: La Crosse, Oritronic, DIGOO. Find at: Local hardware stores, Lee Valley. Cost: $16-$60


Panacea Giant metal garden trellis: 9-by-2.5 feet. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $95

Tabletop compact garden w/LED grow lights: Bamboo, 22-by-11-by-15 inch, $159 at Garden Supply: LED Habitat Grow Light Chambers and garden kits, $200-$300 and LED grow light bank
for under a cabinet, $129, both at LED Habitat; Barnyard-style pendant indoor LED grow light, $75 at Gardeners Supply.

Tools
Ergonomic Palm Snips/Dead Header: Find at: Seed Savers or Gardeners Supply. Cost: $14-$18
Mower Grassbuster: Stainless spatula to remove caked-on debris. Find at: Lee Valley. Cost: $12
Folding pruning saw: Japanese-style, cuts on both push and pull. Find at: Many garden stores. Cost: $20-$33
Good quality hand tools: Such as DeWit brand. Look for solid construction, comfort, ability to sharpen.
Felco Pruners: Find at: Many garden stores. Cost: $55-$74
Pruners with ‘power gear’: Fiskars, endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. Find at: Hardware or garden stores. Cost: $20-$40
Hip Holster tool belt: Find at: Garden stores and Womanswork. Cost: $25
Nut Gatherer rolling basket: Picks up walnuts, apples etc. Find at: Hardware stores, Gardeners Edge. Cost: $54
Upright dandelion weeding tools: Such as Speedy Weedy, Weed Hound, Grandpa’s Weeder. Cost: $30-$40
Flame weeder propane torch: Find at: Hardware stores, garden or farm supply stores. Cost: $40-$60
Lightweight Hoses: 45% lighter, no toxins, bright colors. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $20-$70
Stainless Steel Hose: Find at: Hammacher Schlemmer. Cost: $70
Ultimate Hose Nozzle: Ergonomic design, 5 settings, bright colors, rubber. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $40
Comfort Kneeling Pad: 2-inch thick recycled synthetic rubber. Find at: Gardeners Supply. Cost: $35
Garden kneeler with handles or garden scoot on wheels: Find at: Many garden stores. Cost: $40-$50, about $90.
Self-watering planters: Such as Earth Box, others from local garden center, hardware store. Raise your planter to wheelchair height using the Tomato Success Kit, $90, plus a Trolley, $55. Find at: Gardeners Supply.
Electric lawn mower or manual push reel mower: Find at: Local hardware store.

Food/Cooking Related Gifts
Organic Maple Syrup: Squeeze bottle, sugar, candy and more. Find at: Maple Valley Coop. Cost: $5-$50
Mason Drinking Jar: With decorative botanical design and a saying. Find at: Lusa Organics. Cost: $25-$33
Find the following at: Wisconsin Historical Society:
Vintage style WI Tea Towel: Screen printed with embroidery, rick rack. Cost: $20
Wisconsin-shaped Cutting Boards: With maple, walnut, cherry wood. Cost: $39
Wisconsin Coasters: Heirloom fruit images, Votes for Women or wooden Wisconsin state. **Cost:** $20-$25

Nutbrown Ale Beer Jelly: **Cost:** $8

Oil Mister: Stainless steel, to lightly coat vegetables in cooking oil. **Find at:** local stores or [Lee Valley](#). **Cost:** $15

**Kids Knife Set:** Plastic knives designed to be safe for kids. **Find at:** Mindware. **Cost:** $17/3

Progressive Cherry Pitter: 6 cherries at once. **Find at:** Bed, Bath and Beyond. **Cost:** $15

Stainless steel compost pail: For kitchen counter. **Find at:** Lee Valley. **Cost:** $25

Food and Gifts from ‘Wisconsin Made’ or ‘Something Special’.

**Wonderbag Slow Cooker:** Uses no electricity or fuel. **Find at:** Wonderbag. **Cost:** $40-$60

**Mushroom kits:** Grow your own shiitake or oyster mushrooms. **Find at:** Local farmers market, hardware store or [Field & Forest Products](#). **Cost:** $20-$40

**Home canning kit:** **Find at:** Local hardware store or [Lehms](#). **Cost:** $65

Food dehydrator: **Find at:** Local housewares stores, hardware stores, or camping stores.

**Mehu-Liisa Steamer Juicer from Finland:** **Find at:** Hardware stores, kitchen stores, online. **Cost:** $180

**Foley food mill:** **Find at:** Lehms. **Cost:** $40

**Outdoor Living/Decoration**

Wreaths: **Find at:** Wild Hollow Farm. **Cost:** $25-$38

Galvanized Hanging Triple Planter: **Find at:** Garden Supply. **Cost:** $55

Ice Breaker Ice Scraper: **Find at:** Hammacher Schlemmer. **Cost:** $30

Windshield Snow Tarp: Cover your windshield and then remove snow all at once. **Cost:** $20

HugglePod hanging nylon nest chair, also tree hanger: **Find at:** Hearth Song. **Cost:** $30

Americana Platform Swing: metal frame plus webbing. **Find at:** Hearth Song. **Cost:** $60

Rope Climber: 78-inches with bottom disc and hand/toeholds to help climbers up to 250 pounds. **Find at:** Hearth Song. **Cost:** $65

Nylon hammock: **Find at:** Camping and sporting goods stores. **Cost:** $60 and up

Rechargeable Heated Massaging Stadium Seat: **Find at:** Hammacher Schlemmer. **Cost:** $100

Garden Bells: Made in USA, mount on wall or gate, **Find at:** Lee Valley. **Cost:** $130

All-in-1 Sports Set: Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Lacrosse. **Find at:** HearthSong. **Cost:** $200

**Sustainable Living Gifts**

Lip Balm: Plastic-free packaging, contains 25% more **Find at:** Lusa Organics. **Cost:** $5

Reusable straws of either soft silicone or stainless steel, with cleaning brush: Many brands such as Kleen Kanteen, Softy Straw, Five Two. **Find at:** Many stores, World Wildlife Fund

Zero Waste Dish Soap bar: 2 ounces replaces one bottle. **Find at:** Many sources online or Lusa Organics. **Cost:** $7-$12

Find the following at: Your local food coop, hardware store or kitchen supply store, or stores such as Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, or online at Etsy and others.
Reusable Sandwich Bags and snack bags: Many styles including cloth, silicone or waxed.
Reusable beeswax Food Wrap: Replaces plastic wrap.
Reusable mesh produce bags: To replace plastic produce bags.
Silicone Bowl Lids: Replaces plastic wrap, comes in many sizes, designs.

Sauna Thermometer: Round, made of pine. Find at: **Touch of Finland, Cost: $25**

Collapsible coffee press: Silicone, also called a Palm Press. Find at: **Food52, Cost: $40-$42**

Plant Amp: Glass stand for smartphone, amplifies sound and includes planter. Find at: **Gardeners Supply, Cost: $26**

Hand Held 1.5 Liter Pressure Sprayer: For homemade herbicide, fertilizer or cleaning. Find at: **Lee Valley** or find other brands such as Solo at local hardware store. **Cost: $26**

**World Wildlife Fund Symbolic Animal Adoption:** Get a plush toy and help the species. Or choose animal print organic socks. $55/3 pair.
Give chickens/goat/pigs/cow to a person in a developing country through **Heifer International, Cost:** $10-$100 plus

Portable Solar Cell Phone Chargers, many options available.

Inflatable solar lantern by Luci: Some charge cell phone too. Find at: **Camping stores. Cost: $15**


**Nature Oriented Gifts**

Nature Oriented Bandanas: Bird theme, night sky, etc., Find at: **NatureWatch, Cost: $8**

Ant Moat: Keep ants away from birdfeeder, decorative black steel, Find at: **Lee Valley, Cost: $7**

Match a Pair Of Birds or Match a Leaf Memory Game: Find at: **Song Bird Garden or Viroqua Food Coop. Cost: $17-$24**

Bird Bingo: Find at: **Laurence King. Cost: $30**

Nature based puzzles such as Butterfly or Birds: Galison Brand. Find at: **Bookstores, nature stores, or Viroqua Food Coop. Wood block puzzle of 1800’s Salzer Seeds, La Crosse. Find at: **Wisconsin Historical Society. Cost:** $35

Some places also help you make your own puzzle from a favorite photograph.

Rite in the Rain birder’s journal, memo books, notepads, pens, pencils. Find at: **Rite in the Rain. Cost:** $6-$38

Great Lakes Fish poster: $2; and **Wisconsin Fish Identification Software:** $1. Find at: **UW Sea Grant Institute.**


**Wisconsin Wildlife Phenology Calendars:** Find at: **Aldo Leopold Foundation. Cost: $15**

Geology maps and books: 50% off. Sale prices listed. 3-D Wisconsin map, $10 includes glasses; Landscapes of Wisconsin map, $10; Roadside Geology of Wisconsin, $10. Find at: **Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. Note: Sales office closing 12/31/19.**

**WI Rock Collection Kit:** 5 rock samples and a set of identification cards. Find at: **WGNH Survey Cost:** $5

**WI State Park Sticker:** $28. $38 for out of state.

**WI State Trail Pass:** $25.

**National Parks Pass:** $80.
Federal Duck Stamp from UW Fish and Wildlife Service: Supports habitat and conservation. **Cost:** $29

**Save the Redwoods League**: Donate by Dec. 31 to help buy the world’s fifth largest tree.

**Wildlife Nesting Dolls**: Donation level to World Wildlife Fund, 5 wooden animal dolls nested into each other. Find at: [www.worldwildlife.org](http://www.worldwildlife.org). **Cost:** $75

**The Naturalist’s Walnut Watch**: Find at: [Hammacher Schlemmer](http://www.hammacher.com). **Cost:** $150

**Musical instruments for outdoor play:**

**Fungiphone**: A steel drum made from recycled propane tank Find at: Jim Doeble of Elemental Design. **Cost:** $650

**Small steel tongue drum or handpan drums from old propane tanks**: Find at: Music or yoga stores. **Cost:** $32-$200

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**Guides, Books and Magazines**

**Wisconsin Birds**: A folding pocket guide to familiar species. Pocket Naturalist Guides by Waterford Press for Wisconsin and other states. Also, Wisconsin wildlife, trees and wildflowers. Find at: Nature centers. **Cost:** $7

**Natural Connections**: By Emily Stone. Find at: [Cable Natural History Museum](http://www.cablenaturalhistory.com). **Cost:** $20, $25

**Oh Say Can You Seed, All About Flowering Plants**: Kids book similar to Dr. Seuss. By Bonnie Worth.

**Fine Gardenings Pocket Gardens**: design ideas for small space gardening. **Cost:** $15

**Lola Plants A Garden**: by Anna McQuinn. **Cost:** $6

**Fire Cider! 101 Zesty Recipes for Health-Boosting Remedies**: by Rosemary Gladstar and Friends. Find at: [Science and Art of Herbalism](http://www.herbalsci.org). **Cost:** $17

**Farmer’s Almanac for Kids**: **Cost:** $10

**The Elderberry Book: Forage, Cultivate, Prepare, Preserve** by John Moody. **Cost:** $23

**The Forager’s Harvest** by Samuel Thayer. Find at: [Forager’s Harvest](http://www.foragersharvest.com). Nature’s Garden. **Cost:** $23

**Herbal Adventures**: by Rachel Wolf. Beginners guide with recipes of foraged herbs. Find at: [Lusa Organics](http://www.lusaorganics.com). **Cost:** $25

**Indoor Kitchen Gardening** by Elizabeth Millard. **Cost:** $18

**Wildly Affordable Organic: Save the Planet All on $5 a Day or Less** by Linda Watson. **Cost:** $17

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**The Gift of Time**

Certificates for services such as snow shoveling, tool sharpening, raking, visits to botanic gardens, hauling mulch, building a trellis, preparing a garden bed or giving a massage to the gardener.

**Secondhand Stores, Craig's List or eBay**

Find tools and other gifts used and in good condition at thrift stores, second-hand stores, or on sites such as Craig’s List. You can save a lot of money, reduce your carbon footprint and help the planet.
Homemade or DIY Gifts
Use Pinterest and YouTube to get inspiration and instructions for home-made gifts such as: stakes, stools, twig trellises, garden record books, jam, potpourri, wreaths, soap, tinctures, notecards, bird treats, ornaments, seed bombs, recipe cards, cloth pad to set dishes on to dry, etc.
Cuttings or offshoots of your houseplant, or a meaningful family plant such as Grandma’s jade plant. Amaryllis, hyacinth, or narcissus bulb you prepare for an indoor flower gift.
Your own special food gift such as oil-free Maple Roasted Pecans.
Seed Starter Pots. There are many ways to make seed pots from paper, cardboard and eggshells. Visit the blogger “Preparedness Mama” for plans.
Maple syrup tapping kit with 7/16 drill bit, spile, clear tubing & pail. Find at: TapMyTree
Visit local art and craft fairs to buy unique items or to get ideas for things to make yourself.

Gift of Classes
Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program: 40 hours of hands-on training, field trips. Become certified and volunteer in environmental education, citizen science, stewardship. Cost: $275
Wisconsin Master Gardener Program: Available for people who want to become a volunteer through the county.
Wisconsin Master Food Preserver classes: A 3-day workshop. Check with your county UW Extension Office.
Wisconsin Schools for Beginning Market Growers, Dairy, Fruit, or Flower Growing