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Garden Gifts and Green Gift Ideas for 2011

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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.

Gifts Under \$10

Canning funnel \$5.50 Lee Valley, www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158

Cherry Pitter \$9.95 Lee Valley, www.leevalley.com

Nail Brush \$1.70 Lee Valley, www.leevalley.com

"Pesticide free zone" sign for lawn or yard, Beyond Pesticides, www.beyondpesticides.org

Amaryllis bulb in a pot or tulip, hyacinth, and narcissus bulbs for indoors

Double hose connector so one faucet can handle two hoses

Good quality tape measure for home or field

Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange, www.seedsavers.org (563) 382-5990, Johnny's Selected Seeds, www.johnnyseeds.com (877) 564-6697 Jung's www.jungseed.com (800) 247-5864

New types of garden gloves, nitrile, or flexible, or based on biking gloves, or cushioned

Fair trade mittens, scarves, hats (\$9-12) Fair Indigo www.fairindigo.com (800) 520-1806

LuSa organics soaps etc www.lusaorganics.com (608) 356-7627

Organic maple syrup, sugar, maple cream or candy www.MapleValley.coop (800) 760-1449

Reusable bowl covers Vermont Country Store www.vermontcountrystore.com (802) 362-8460

Eco pots made from grain husks, \$9 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

Slice precision paper cutter, \$6.95, perfect for making scrap books www.leevalley.com

Traditional paste glue, \$4.95 www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158

Stainless Steel Cake Knife/Server or Stainless Spatula \$8.95 and \$9.95 www.leevalley.com

Gift Ideas \$10-25

Mechanical water timer \$15 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363, Ace

Hori Hori Knife, (cross between a trowel and a knife) \$22 www.Gardenersedge.com

Leonard soil knife, \$18 GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676

Support hoops for hoophouse fabric on veggies \$15 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

Raised bed corner brackets (metal) Lee Valley, www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158, or Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

Pot maker \$12, a form to make seedling pots w/ newspaper, www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158

Rotary tool sharpener for hoes, spades, to use with your drill \$16 www.Johnnyseeds.com (877) 564-6697)

Little Super Kim Can Opener \$12.95 www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158

Over-the-sink-colander, \$17.50 www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158

Siphon to empty rain barrel or garden pond \$13 Lee Valley, www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158
 Min max thermometer \$15.95 www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158
 Metal plant labels, Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363, Gardeners Edge
www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676, Lee Valley www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158
 Recycled glass rooting vases (3) \$12 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
 Canning supplies www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346, UW Extension gives local classes
 Hummingbird feeders, all kinds Gardener's Edge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
 Wire suet or fruit spirals (3) \$10, Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
 Downspout diverter for rainbarrel \$20 Gardener's Edge www.Gardenersedge.com
 (888) 556-5676
 Tupperware sandwich keeper \$12 for 2 www.tupperware.com
 To-Go stainless steel tins for carrying food \$20 Green Feet www.greenfeet.com (888) 562-8873
 Glass food containers for leftovers Vermont Country Store www.vermontcountrystore.com
 (802) 362-8460
 Hanging pocket shoe organizer for tools, gloves, seeds
 Copper Thermometer/Hygrometer 4" diameter with F and C \$22.50 www.leevalley.com
 (800) 871-8158
 Come-and-get-it bell (iron triangle dinner bell) \$31.50 www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8158
 Knee pads or kneeling pads of all sorts, Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
 Gardeners Edge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676, Lee Valley www.leevalley.com
 (800) 871-8158
 Stainless steel compost pail for kitchen counter \$19.95-23.50 Lee Valley www.leevalley.com
 (800) 871-8158
 A string of LED lights to decorate your house using 90% less heat and energy
 Good quality min/max thermometer, simple large copper or electronic thermometer or wireless
 Sprinkler stand \$40, holds it higher up so it works better Lee Valley www.leevalley.com
 (800) 871-8158 www.gemplers.com (800)382-8473, Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com
 (800) 427-3363, GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
 Noodlehead flexible sprinkler Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363,
 GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
 Water meter for hose or sprinkler \$25 Gardeners Edge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
 LED headlamp for gardening at night
 Floral shovel for working in flower beds \$16 GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com
 (888) 556-5676
 Set of "Growing Fresh Market Vegetables in WI" series of UW Extension publications, soon to
 be updated and translated into Spanish and Hmong
 To Go Glass Bottle \$19 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
 Hand-Crank Coffee Grinder \$22 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
 Stainless Steel Food Container \$15 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
 Kickapoo Coffee (won micro roaster of 2010) www.kickapoocoffee.com (608) 637-2022
 EnAct: Steps to Greener Living, \$14.95 www.enactwi.org (608) 204-2888, (866) 953-6228
 DeWit Hand Tools (Dutch made) Cultivator, V-Groove Pick and more \$12.95 – \$16.50
www.leevalley.com

Gift Ideas \$25-50
 Kits to grow your own mushrooms \$14-\$60, Field & Forest Products Inc. www.fieldforest.net,
 (800) 792-6220 (Peshtigo WI)
 Folely food mill \$35-\$45, Lehmans, www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346

GardenGlide cart \$30, GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
Gardener's Hollow Leg, a belt sack to collect prunings or harvest \$30 www.Gardenersedge.com
(888) 556-5676
CobraHead weeder made in WI \$25 www.cobrahead.com (866) 962-6272
Cape Cod Weeder \$39.95 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Pruners with 'power gear' \$36, Fiskars, endorsed for Ease of Use by Arthritis Foundation,
GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
The Bottle Tree \$29.95 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Succulent Garden Trio \$20.95 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
On Plug Power Switch \$11 single or \$29 for three www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
Smart Power Strip \$39 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
Herb Trio \$39.95 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Kneeler, \$35, folding, with pad, GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
Power bulb planter \$30, GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676, Gardeners
Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Drip irrigation kit \$37, Johnny's Selected Seeds www.Johnnyseeds.com (877)564-6697, or \$60,
Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Waste Free Lunch Kit \$45 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
Garden rocker seat \$49, Gardeners Edge, Gardener's Supply
Solar powered lights as accents or along walkways, some change color
Natural organic clothes, robes, baby clothes, household linens, or pillows www.satara.com
Hand crank radio to listen to "Garden Talk" without any batteries
Corn Broom made by Amish Lehmans www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346
Laundry line kit and wood wall mount laundry line www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346
Upright dandelion weeding tools such as Speedy Weedy, Weed Hound, Grandpa's Weeder
Colorful spiral vegetable stakes \$35 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Root Vegetable Storage Bins \$29.95 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Organic, Made in USA T-shirts (by a Wisconsin Company) www.fairindigo.com
Gift certificate to Community Car for access to hybrid cars, vans, a truck, and a mini cooper
www.communitycar.com (608) 204-0000
Instant Garden Fence kit \$45 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
Lite Stik \$30 from The Simple Garden, a small LED light you insert in a potted plant for
supplemental light indoors <http://store.thesimplegarden.com/store> (877) 883-2784
Garden Hat (fair trade and hand woven) Clean Air Gardening www.cleanairgardening.com

Gift Ideas \$50-100

Kits to make your own cheese: \$57-73 The Cheesemaker (WI) www.thecheesemaker.com, \$25,
New England Cheesemaking Supply www.cheesemaking.com (413) 397-2012
Earth Box self contained planter system \$55, <http://store.earthbox.com> (800) 821-8838
Flame weeder, Gardener's Edge, Gardener's Supply
Over-Sink cutting board with removable Colander \$59 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
Garden scoot on wheels with tractor seat Gardener's Supply or Gardener's Edge
Food dehydrator
Cast iron cookware Lehmans www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346
Rain barrel (Sustain Dane) www.rainfordane.org (608) 316-6844
Organic cotton items such as sheets, towels and blankets www.Gaiam.com (800) 869-3446
New England clothes dryer (50 feet of drying space) \$99 www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
Watering irrigation system \$60 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

LED solar powered white holiday lights \$80 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com
HighTech Plant Examining Glasses \$70 from Clean Air Gardening www.cleanairgardening.com
(888) 439-9101
Standing garden raised bed \$150 Gardeners Supply www.gardenrs.com (800) 427-3363

Gift Ideas \$100 +

Broadfork, \$95 Lee Valley www.leevalley.com (800) 267-8735, \$180 Johnny's Selected Seeds
www.Johnnyseeds.com (877) 564-6697

Wood stove eco-fan heat of stove turns fan, \$100-\$159, 30% more efficient heat Real Goods
www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400

All-Terrain Landscapers Wagon \$129 www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

Beekeeping starter kit, \$150, www.mannlakeltd.com (800) 880-7694

Seeders for large scale garden farm \$80-\$500 Johnnys with video

Electric (Ni-Cad battery) hedge trimmer, string trimmer, pole saw, Gardeners Edge
www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676

Mehu-Liisa Steamer Juicer, \$189, www.leevalley.com

Weather station: electronic data on temp, rainfall, wind speed, humidity Gardeners Supply
www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363, GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com
(888) 556-5676

Toro e-cycler cordless Push electric lawnmower

Push reel mower \$150 GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676

Standing raised bed garden www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) share for weekly veggies in season www.macsac.org

PowerKraut subscription \$237-432 organicpowerkraut.com (608) 675-3737

Rain Barrels \$119 – \$299 Clean Air Gardening www.cleanairgardening.com

Chicken Coop \$389 (Free Shippint) Clean Air Gardening www.cleanairgardening.com

Host a party at Merry Farm of Gotham www.merryfarmofgotham.com (608) 583-3542

Books and Magazines

EnAct: Steps to Greener Living by Sonya Newenhouse, \$14.95 www.enactwi.org
(608) 204-2888 or (866) 953-6228

Cookbook "Farmstead Chef" by Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko \$19 <http://innserendipity.com>

Root Cellaring: Natural Cold Storage of Fruits & Vegetables by Mike and Nancy Bubel \$14.95

Landscaping with Native Plants of Wisconsin, Lynn M. Steiner \$24.95 Voyageur Press
www.VoyageurPress.com

Small Green Roofs: Low-Tech Options for Greener Living by Nigel Dunnett, Dusty Gedge, John
Little and Edmund Snodgrass \$24.95 Timber Press www.timberpress.co.uk

Square foot Gardening by Mel Batholomew \$25 www.squarefootgardening.com

The Human Powered Home by Tamara Dean, www.Newsociety.com \$29 author has grain mill,
blender, coffee grinder powered by her bicycle.

Natural Home Magazine www.naturalhomemagazine.com \$15/yr

HortIdeas Newsletter \$25, 750 Black Lick Rd., Gravel Switch, KY 40328,
(606) 332-7606, email gwill@mis.net

Growing for Market \$33 www.growingformarket.com 800-307 8949

Ode Magazine \$30 for intelligent optimists www.odemagazine.com

Home Made Gifts

Floral stakes or garden stakes made from wire of campaign signs, cloth napkins or grocery bags, Leopold bench, rain barrels, garden record book, bookmarks, potpourri, wreaths, garlands, soothing neck wrap, homemade soap, oil and vinegar infusions, tinctures, bath salts, window boxes, note cards, pinecone peanut butter bird feeder, trellis of branches or wood, doggie dooley

The Gift of Time

Certificates for services such as tool sharpening, raking, visits to botanic gardens (even in winter), hauling mulch or compost, building a raised bed or trellis, preparing a garden bed, or a massage for the gardener

Gift of Classes

Furniture, trellises, fences, art made of rustic woods, Midwest Woodlanders Gathering www.woodlanders.com in July, Shake Rag Alley Mineral Point
Cheesemaking The Cheesemaker (Mequon WI) www.thecheesemaker.com (414) 745-5483
Driftless Folk School www.driftlessfolkschool.com (888) 587-6540

Sources

- UW Extension Publications: from your WI County Extension Office or www.learningstore.uwex.edu (877) 947-7827
- Gardeners Supply, Burlington, VT www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363
- Gardeners Edge, Piqua OH www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
- Gemplers www.gemplers.com (800) 382-8473
- Clean Air Gardening www.cleanairgardening.com (888) 439-9101
- Lee Valley, Ogdensburg, NY (a Canadian company) www.leevalley.com (800) 871-8159
- Lehmans www.lehmans.com (888) 438-5346
- Johnny's Selected Seeds www.Johnnyseeds.com (877) 564-6697
- Gardens Alive!, Lawrenceburg, IN www.gardensalive.com (812) 537-8650
- Canada's Office of Urban Ag (plans for doggy dooley) www.cityfarmer.org
- Satara www.satara-inc.com and Hempen Goods www.hempengoods.com in Madison, WI
- Maple Valley coop (syrup, sugar, cream), Cashton, WI, www.MapleValley.coop (800) 760-1449
- Real Goods Catalog www.realgoods.com (800) 919-2400
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm Shares www.macsac.org
- Community Car, Madison, WI www.communitycar.com (608) 204-0000
- Madison Environmental Group, Inc. www.madisonenvironmental.com (608) 280-0800
- EnAct: Steps to Greener Living www.enactwi.org (608) 204-2888

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We welcome your suggestions for next years show!