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Garden Gifts and Green Gift Ideas for 2010

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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
"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 Jungs 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

Gift Ideas \$10-25

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
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
Soil knife for transplanting GardenersEdge www.Gardenersedge.com (888) 556-5676
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 \$21 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 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
Water timer \$20 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.com (800) 427-3363, many others avail also
Wide brimmed hat for sun
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

Gift Ideas \$25-50
Kits to grow your own mushrooms \$14-\$60, Field & Forest Products Inc. www.fieldforest.net,
(800) 792-6220 (Peshtigo WI)
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
Gift certificate to Community Car for access to hybrid cars, vans, a truck, and a mini cooper www.communitycar.com (608) 204-0000

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 scooter 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
Standing garden raised bed \$150 Gardeners Supply www.gardeners.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.Mannlake.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, \$200, www.juicer-steamer.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
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

Root Cellaring: Natural Cold Storage of Fruits & Vegetables by Mike and Nancy Bubel \$14.95
Square foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew \$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 offers classes such as
Cheese Making (\$75), Organic Gardening (\$40), Root Cellaring Tour (\$20)

Sources

- UW Extension Publications: from your WI County Extension Office or (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
- 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!