Subject: **Budget-friendly Garden Ideas**

Dear NAME,

Your yard can be everything you need it to be. It can be a place for friends and family to gather. It can be a relaxing sanctuary for you. It can also be a productive space where you grow your family’s favorite vegetables and produce. And you can create your garden on a budget that suits your needs with the following budget garden ideas.

**Little Red Wagon**

You can find old wagons and other children’s toys at flea markets and thrift stores. These wagons make perfect containers for herb gardens and they can be a fun and attractive way to display your produce.

For example, you might fill your wagon with soil and plant parsley, basil, oregano and other herbs. You can then place other planters near the wagon with herbs that are more substantial in size. For example, rosemary and chives may be good herbs to grow in complementary containers.

**Wooden Crates**

You can line old wooden crates, also available at thrift stores, with a plastic liner. You can paint the crates using a waterproof paint, or you can leave them in their natural state. Fill the crates half way up with gardening soil and plant your vegetables in the dirt.

Depending on the size of the crate you can plant lettuce, collards, kale or spinach. You can also plant climbing plants like beans if you give them something to climb. A few bamboo rods with twine laced between them should give your climbing plants the support they need.

**Old Tins and Cans**

Coffee cans, old cookie tins, and metal watering cans make lovely and budget-friendly containers for flowers and smaller plants. For example, you can grow strawberries in an old cookie tin. They make whimsical planters in their original state or you can paint them with a waterproof metal spray paint.

Essentially, any container that can hold soil can be used as a container garden in your yard. From a bathtub to grow your tomatoes to a coffee can to grow basil, your imagination is the only limit to what’s possible.

Next time we’ll take a look at tips you can use to make the most of your back yard.