

## Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest



### Resources

#### Websites:

- Gardening in small spaces

<https://www.growveg.com/guides/planning-a-square-foot-vegetable-garden/>

- Tower Garden Challenge:

<http://pblu.org/projects/the-tower-garden-challenge>

- K-State Extension in Johnson County

<http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/agent-articles/vegetables/growing-vegetables-in-containers.html>

- <https://www.planetnatural.com/square-foot-gardening/>

#### Seeds (from Burpee) being used in the contest and suggestions for how best to grow them:

1. Black-seeded Simpson lettuce:

<https://www.burpee.com/vegetables/lettuce/lettuce-black-seeded-simpson-prod000732.html>

2. Dwarf Blue Curled Vates kale:

<https://www.burpee.com/vegetables/kale/kale-dwarf-blue-curved-vates-prod000723.html>

[http://gentleworld.org/kale-an-easy-beginners-guide-to-growing/#Growing kale in a pot](http://gentleworld.org/kale-an-easy-beginners-guide-to-growing/#Growing+kale+in+a+pot)

3. Hybrid Space Spinach:

<http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/vegetables/spinach/growing-spinach-in-containers.htm>

<https://www.burpee.com/vegetables/spinach/spinach-space-hybrid--prod099742.html>

**Containers:** Any container that holds no more than 1155 cu. inches of soil or 5 gallons of water (if you chose to grow the plants hydroponically) will comply with contest rules. Remember, the key point is not how much soil you use, rather how *little* you use. The winner is determined by dividing the biomass (weight of the salad greens) by the volume of the growing medium (liquid or solid). At least one plant of each type of seed must survive.

#### Suggestions:

- plastic rectangular flower box
- seed starter flat containers

- Plastic tub, or 5-gallon bucket, slit in half lengthwise, and taped together with duct tape, add drainage holes
- Shallow wooden box