

## No Dig, No Hassle Pvc Garden

When Major C.T. Davis decided to plant a garden, he mounted pvc pipes on posts and filled them with dirt.

"I didn't want to tear up the lawn," explains Davis. "It works great, and I don't have any problems with rabbits or other pest animals."

Davis set two 4 by 4-in. treated posts in concrete for vertical support for two 6-in. pvc pipes. He drilled 2-in. diameter holes at 1-ft. intervals and filled the pipe with Miracle Grow potting soil. He then planted a seeding in each hole and watered. He also hung grow-bags for strawberries and tomatoes from the tops of the support posts.

"I tied support poles for the plants to the pvc pipes using weed eater cord," says Davis.

Now in its second year, Davis says the system is ideal for tomatoes, peppers and other non deep-root crops. It's also very stable.

"We had 70 mph winds this spring that broke off a few plants, but they didn't bother the pipes at all," he says.

He says his plants start producing a crop earlier than plants in the ground and continue



producing later into the fall.

"I am considering taking them into the basement this fall and using my grow lights on them," he says. "If it works, I could start new plants in them next spring and move them outside without any transplant shock."

One negative to the pvc garden is the need to water almost daily. Davis is looking for solutions to that and is considering running a soaker hose through the pipe next year.

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## Time-Saving Seed Fillers Mount On Deere Planters

Unverferth CCS Planter Fills make constantly climbing stairs a thing of the past for growers who use Deere CCS planters and drills. Time and labor-saving units are available in either a conveyor or auger model.

Variable-speed conveyors are 16'x6" and feature a collapsible hopper and a 6" tube with an 8" cupped and cleated belt for gently unloading up to 12 bushels per minute. The conveyor models for planters feature a gas-spring lift-assist for easy lifting and sliding of the conveyor into the middle of the planter for transport. Conveyors for drills store across the rear of the drill within the transport height and width for enhanced roadway safety.

Auger models feature 18 ft. by 6 in. steel-tube construction for enhanced unloading height and strength. Augers are available with choice of three flighting options. Cupped-steel or cupped plastic flighting moves seed at up to 10 bushels per minute. The auger model locks in place for transport efficiency and safety and fits easily within the transport width of the planter.

Conveniently placed dual on/off controls and standard telescoping downspout on both models allow for easy, one-person filling of

**Conveyor-type filler (below) and auger-type filler (right) mount directly on Deere CCS planters, saving time and labor at a critical time of the year.**



the seedbox from the ground platform.

Models are available for 1690, 1890, 1990 CCS drills and 1770, 1790 CCS, NT and DB series planters. Growers should contact their local Unverferth dealer for complete details or check [www.unverferth.com](http://www.unverferth.com).

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