# Why Should I Participate?

Growing a garden may help cancer survivors eat better, get more exercise, and live a healthier, more enjoyable life after treatment.

96% of previous participants told us they were pleased with the study and would do it again.

"Harvest for Health is a wonderful program all on its own... I don't know if any participant — past, present, or future — will love Harvest for Health as much as my family. That original garden continues to enrich our lives years later."

-Previous participant

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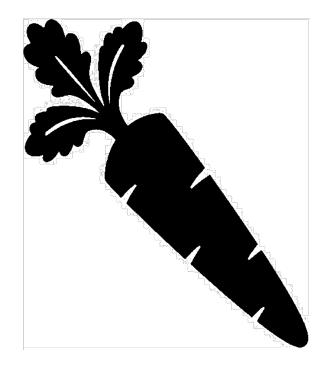


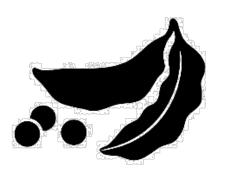
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We provide <u>cancer survivors</u> with the supplies and guidance to grow a successful <u>home vegetable garden</u> and measure its benefits.

**Gardening Study** 





## What is Harvest for Health?

This study explores the benefits of a gardening intervention for cancer survivors in Alabama who have completed their cancer treatment.

### We provide:

- \$500 worth of gardening supplies
- Yearlong mentorship by a local Master Gardener
- Cash reimbursement for every questionnaire completed
- At-home data collection visits (no travel required)

#### We measure:

- Diet quality
- Physical activity
- Quality of life
- Physical function (grip strength, walking speed, balance test)
- Markers of inflammation & healthy aging in the blood and nails

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## **Do I Qualify?**

#### Are you...

- Age 60 or older?
- Done with primary cancer treatment for one of theses cancers?
- Bladder
- Breast
- Colon/Rectum
- Gastric cardia
- Gynecologic cancers
- Hodgkin & Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Kidney/Renal Pelvis
- Larynx

- Leukemia (CLL, ALL, & CML)
- Melanoma
- Multiple myeloma
- Oral Cavity/Pharynx
- Prostate
- Soft tissue sarcoma
- Testis
- Thyroid
- Living in one of the counties shaded below?



## What to Expect?

- This study is done completely at your home no need to travel.
- You will receive all the supplies needed to grow three successful vegetable gardens over a 1-year period, including a raised bed garden or 4 container gardens, soil, plants, seeds, and gardening tools.
- A Master Gardener from the Cooperative Extension will visit your garden and contact you each month for a year. They are experts who can help you become a great gardener.
- UAB study staff will make three home visits to determine the effects of the garden on your health. One of these visits will occur at the start, another a year later, and the last one two years later. After each of these visits, you will receive \$20. During each home visit, we will do the following:
  - Measure your weight & waist size
  - Ask questions about your health and wellbeing
  - Draw two tablespoons of blood
  - Measure your grip strength and do other tests of your physical functioning

