

## <u>11 Ingenious Uses For Eggshells</u> <u>In Your Garden</u> Part 1

Eggs are some of the most nutritious food on the planet and a good source of proteins; not to mention that they are loaded with minerals and vitamins essential for human consumption. What you may not know is that eggshells are one of the most abundant, and also one of the most versatile, products in your garden.

This piece will show you 11 different ways to use eggshells in your garden — and why they're so great!

## 1. Building a Flower Bed

Eggshells make excellent bedding for new seedlings. Just mix up enough eggshells to cover the soil,

and lay them flat on top of the soil. This will help keep water from evaporating too quickly, which can cause plants to become rootbound.

## 2. A Biodegradable Mulch

Eggshells have high calcium levels and can be used as a biodegradable mulch in your garden beds.

## **3. Frost Protection**

Eggshells are great for protecting plants from frost damage: If you

have plants that need extra protection from frost damage, eggshells make an excellent material for covering them up.

## 4. Starter Pots

Wondering about where you can safely grow your seedlings? Worry no more! Eggshells are a wonderful solution that is both efficient and safe (considering they are biodegradable and free from plastics). All you need to do is crack a small opening on the pointier end of the shell, remove the egg contents and clean the inside of shell with boiling water. Once the shell is clean, you can put a tiny hole on the other end to serve as drainage and put them back in the egg treys.

Now the shell is ready and you can add your potting soil and plant the seeds. When your seeds are ready you can transfer them to a bigger pot or transplant them into your garden.

You can crash the shells when done and use them as mulch in the garden.

## 5. Gravel

Get creative with eggshells! You can use them as an alternative to sand or gravel when designing your garden beds. You can also make decorative paths using eggshells—just mix them with some soil or sand and let dry before laying down in place.

#### 6. Composting

Eggshells are incredibly rich in nutrients but are also very low in carbon content (which means they will compost well). If you'd like to compost some egg shells, just empty out an eggshell and add it to your compost pile along with other organic materials like vegetable scraps or kitchen waste.

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