How To Clean Out A Weedy Garden

Weedy & overgrown beds are intimidating, but with these tips and tricks, your garden will be refreshed and ready for a new season.

1. When possible, water the bed the day before to make it easier to pull up the weeds and get as much of the root out as possible.

2. Begin by pulling or cutting down all of the big weeds first. Use a weed whacker to cut down weeds that are overgrown.

3. Then, use a garden fork to loosen the stubborn weed's roots OR use your hands and pull the roots out by reaching close to the soil before pulling.

4. Place weeds in a pile to be removed from the garden (don't compost them or more weeds will grow in your compost).

5. Turn over/break up the soil to give you a head start for when you plant.

⭐ **THE GOAL IS TO JUST SEE SOIL AT THE END OF WEEDING.**

BONUS TIPS:

- Going forward, pull weeds when they are small. Not sure which plants are weeds? Look for the green growth that is growing in-between your plants or that looks different than the veggie sprouts you recognize.
- USE MULCH! Straw mulch placed around your transplants and seedlings will keep plant roots moist and suppress weeds.
- Want to get kids involved? Have students compete and count how many weeds they pull. Or, to ensure good root pulling, have students compare the size of the roots they pull. The biggest root wins!