

**The Always Able Gardener**  
**Resources for Tools, Aids, Assistance**  
**AgrAbility Virginia**  
[www.agrability.ext.vt.edu](http://www.agrability.ext.vt.edu)  
1-800-365-1656

[www.gardenscapetools.com](http://www.gardenscapetools.com)

Telescopic tools; ergonomically accommodating hand tools; kneeler bench; pruners; E-Z grabbers; ergonomic handles for long handled tools; knee pads

[www.gemplers.com](http://www.gemplers.com)

A wealth of work, commercial-grade supplies e.g. large, double-wheel wheelbarrows; gel cooling vests; long handle tools; numerous types of work gloves;

[www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com)

Gardeners Supply Company: low-stress pruners; natural grip hand tools; Rocker Stool; swan neck long handled tools

[www.pet-uk.com](http://www.pet-uk.com)

British company with U.S. distributors: Add-on handles for hand tools; easi-grip tools; arm support cuffs; long reach tools

[www.cedwvu.org/program/agrability/agricultureinwv2004.html](http://www.cedwvu.org/program/agrability/agricultureinwv2004.html)

West Virginia AgrAbility information on weeding with less strain (long handles diamond hoe)

[www.naturalgardening.com/shop](http://www.naturalgardening.com/shop)

The Weed and Brush Puller; low stress pruner

[www.2vertex.com/product/](http://www.2vertex.com/product/)

Garden Brand wrist saver tools, and Earth Bud-Eze tools

[www.charleysgreenhouse.com](http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com)

Extended reach tools; WristSavers hand tools; Good Grip tools

<http://www.rittenhouse.ca/>

Ergonomic watering nozzle; build your own Ergo PXR pruner; pot lifter; raised planter systems kits; E-Z reach

[www.cleanairgardening.com](http://www.cleanairgardening.com)

Wearable gardening stool; long-neck trimmer; kneelers; wrist-easy hand tools

[www.fiskars.com/US/Garden](http://www.fiskars.com/US/Garden)

Best know for their cutting tools: ergonomically designed pruners, snips; shears, including extended reach shear, and scissors.

[www.amleo.com/](http://www.amleo.com/)

A.M. Leonard: abundance of quality gardening supplies

[www.gardentalk.com/](http://www.gardentalk.com/)

Walter Nicke: extensive choice of high quality gardening tools

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/raisedbed/>

Planning, designing, constructing, maintaining raised bed gardens

[www.hort.vt.edu/human/pub426020d.html](http://www.hort.vt.edu/human/pub426020d.html)

Gardening in Raised Beds and Containers for Older Gardeners and Individuals with Physical Disabilities (VA Tech).

[www.aeol.com/aeolian/beds/bedkit.htm](http://www.aeol.com/aeolian/beds/bedkit.htm)

Raised beds, high density polyethylene kits

[www.heartwoodinternational.com/grdn\\_bd\\_kits.htm](http://www.heartwoodinternational.com/grdn_bd_kits.htm)

Raised beds kits made from recycled plastic

[www.abundantearth.com/store/raisedbedgarden.html](http://www.abundantearth.com/store/raisedbedgarden.html)

Raised beds kits made form recycled plastic

<http://storesense.megawebsevers.com/HS1281/Search.bok?category=Gloves+and+Cuffs&pageID=1>

Gloves with brace and Velcro straps for lifting and working

<http://squarefootgardening.com/>

A unique system of multiple possibilities for adaptive setups to accommodate easily accessible gardening beds

[www.hort.vt.edu/human/adapt.html](http://www.hort.vt.edu/human/adapt.html)

Non-commercial adaptations of Horticultural Tools using velcro, pvc pipes, duct tape, clamps, gloves, pipe insulation, etc. Excellent site of examples of what the possibilities are for adapting tools to fit the challenges

<http://calagrability.ucdavis.edu/pages/newsletters/CalAgNov04News.pdf>

<http://calagrability.ucdavis.edu/pages/newsletters/CalAgraNewsNov-Dec05.pdf>

Two excellent articles from the California AgrAbility Project on gardeners who have made adaptations to be able to garden from a wheelchair

<http://agrability.okstate.edu/kits.html>

The Oklahoma AgrAbility website with samples of many of the items that are available related to gardening. This AgrAbility Project has developed a lending program to make available demonstration kits to test out the tools' usefulness and applicability to the client. AgrAbility Virginia hopes to develop a similar program.

<http://www.atnet.org/news/2002/jun02/060102.html>

From the Assistive Technology Journal – Hoe, Hoe, Hoe, Gardening is for Everyone. Excellent overview.

<https://fsb.missouri.edu/GardenWeb/>

Connected with the University of Missouri and the Missouri AgrAbility Project. A wonderful site for Gardens For Everyone, including layout, options, tools, etc.

## **Accessible Gardening for People with Disabilities** **by Janeen Adil**

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