

Urban Farming at a Ballpark

What do you think—do baseball and gardening go together? The San Francisco Giants think so. With the help of Bon Appétit Management Company, they built a garden in their baseball stadium, and it's amazing!

The Garden at AT&T Park can be found behind the centerfield wall, just under the scoreboard. This garden covers 4,320 square feet. Like other gardens, fruits and vegetables are grown there. You can find peppers, lemons, blueberries, lettuce, and more. These plants are grown in planter beds and **aeroponic towers** made by Tower Garden®. Aeroponic towers have many advantages. Since the plants grow without using soil, there are no weeds to pull or messes to clean up. Also, these towers use a lot less water than regular gardens. Aeroponic towers can also grow many plants in a small space. How many plants will one tower grow? Each tower can grow up to 44 plants in a vertical (up and down) space.

There's more to the Garden than just growing plants. The Garden has two **bistros**, or small restaurants. These bistros serve dishes prepared with fruits and vegetables grown in the Garden. This food is served to fans who come to the park before or during a game. The Garden also serves as a classroom for students who visit it on field trips. Students get to see where food comes from, get to see how it grows, and even get to cook some of the food! The goal of the Garden is to teach the community about the **benefits**, or good results, that come from a healthy lifestyle.



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Use the passage to answer the questions.

1. What is topic of this reading? _____

2. Where in the ballpark is the Garden found? _____

3. When can fans visit the Garden? _____

4. What is the goal of the Garden? _____

5. What are three advantages of aeroponic towers? _____

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Answer Key

1. the Garden at AT&T Park
2. behind the centerfield wall, just under the scoreboard
3. before or during a game
4. to teach the community about the benefits that come from a healthy lifestyle
5. There are no weeds to pull or messes to clean up since the plants grow without using soil. The towers use a lot less water than regular gardens. Each tower can grow a lot of plants in a small space.



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