



## A33 Recording growing skills



This activity introduces the Recording growing skills forms (T7, T8), an easy way of keeping a record of your progress in food growing. It allows you to see clearly what skills have been undertaken, and plan for those areas not yet covered. There are two versions of the form, one for individual use and the other is a class list.

### Purpose of the form

The aim of T7 is for an individual to record the different techniques and skills they have covered to improve their level of skill and knowledge in food growing. Form T8 is formatted for use by the teacher/garden lead to keep a record of skills covered by each person in the class/group.

Every task has the manual booklets and DVD references listed so that you can easily find further information and activities related to these topics.

The skills are those that are commonly needed for success in food growing. There is no time limit for completion as every garden is different and everyone has different aptitudes and abilities.

### Activity

- 1 Print off T7 from the DVD and write your name in the space provided. Alternatively, save the form (which is formatted in Microsoft Excel) on your computer to complete.
- 2 Each time you complete a task, tick and date the relevant boxes. As each task is completed ask an appropriate person, eg teacher or garden lead, to confirm your achievement by completing the verification box.
- 3 You can complete the tasks in any order and take as long as you need.

### Extended activity

Learn more about gardening after completing all the tasks. Use the Internet and Silver and Gold booklet to research courses and training in your area.

#### Activities on DVD

T7 Recording growing skills (individual)  
T8 Recording growing skills (class list)  
SG2.7 Land-based courses/training  
SG2.8 Land-based careers

#### Further information

Garden Organic for Schools [www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools)

#### Top tip



#### Ways to use the form

- Self evaluation.
- Peer assessment.
- Linking to the National Curriculum.
- For assessment purposes alongside recognised qualifications.
- Aid completion of an individual learning plan.
- Plan activities for the winter or during periods of bad weather.