

ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY GARDEN

So, you would like to start a neighbourhood community garden but you are unsure where or how to start. Well, it is actually easier than you may think and the City of Brampton is here to help. But prior to meeting with a representative from the City regarding your request, it is best to put together a well organized plan. This plan would include answering the following questions:

- What is a community garden?
- How do they benefit individuals and the community?

How to Start a Community Garden

In order for a Community Garden request to be considered, the following details are suggested be in place:

1. Form a Community Garden Group of five (5) committed gardeners.
2. Nominate a Community Garden Coordinator to be the liaison between the City of Brampton and the gardeners.
3. Submit an **Establishing A Community Garden Application** to the City of Brampton stating the desire to manage and maintain a Community Garden in their neighbourhood.
 - Depending on the site size, a Community Garden could accommodate up to twenty-five (25) gardeners
 - All group members must be identified
 - Only one (1) plot will be assigned per address
4. Explain how the Community Garden Group is organized and what the associated roles are (eg. Secretary – meeting organizer; Treasurer – manages group finances; etc).
5. Identify how the Community Garden Group will make decisions regarding the garden.
6. Outline the potential funding strategy for the garden including:
 - Budget (estimate)
 - Inventory of the items the group will require to run the garden

How to Ensure Success

The key to a successful group is communication. It is strongly recommended that the Community Garden Group establishes goals for garden and has regularly scheduled meetings throughout the season.



A: Main Contact Information (please print clearly)			
First Name		Last Name	
Address		Apt/Suite	Phone #
City	Postal Code		Alt Phone #:
Email Address			

B: Community Garden Group Members (please print clearly)	
First Name	Last Name
Contact #	Role

First Name	Last Name
Contact #	Role

First Name	Last Name
Contact #	Role

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Contact #	Role

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Contact #	Role

C: Community Garden Plan (please print clearly)

1. Have any group members had past experience with gardening, community gardening, or with organizing community groups? If yes, please describe:

2. Describe how your group plans to manage and maintain the garden (individual plot, pathway, communal plots, composting area, shed, etc) throughout the season?:

3. What is your motivation for establishing a garden?

4. What are you planning on growing?

5. How do you see it benefiting your community?

D: Funding Strategy (please print clearly)

1. Although there is no cost to apply for the Community Garden Program, there are costs that will be incurred to participate in a community garden. Your group will be responsible for the ongoing operational costs of the garden including (but not limited to): tools, future soil amendments, seeds, plants, meeting costs, etc. Describe how the Community Garden Group plans to fund the garden (eg. donation, fundraising, voluntary membership fees, etc).

E: Disclaimer

Please note that this is a request form only. Conditional Approval of the event depends on a complete review of the application. Once the application has been approved, a representative of the City of Brampton will be in contact with the main contact to outline the program and the associated responsibilities.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Multiple plot requests from the same address will not be considered.

Please accept this form as our application for establishing a Community Garden.

Signature of Community Garden Group representative

Date

Please forward completed application to:

Parks Community Development Coordinator
City of Brampton
Planning and Infrastructure Services
Maintenance and Operations – Parks
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