



"If you are a new gardener and would like help from an experienced gardener, OR, if you are an experienced gardener and would be willing to lend your expertise, please let us know."

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Manchester Community Gardens

**Let's Start
Growing Together
Today!**



REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 6

Manchester City Office
Gardens Open May 1—October 15
\$30



What Are Community Gardens

Community gardens provide common ground for people to grow plants, build strong communities and provide the space needed for a garden. Garden plots are available to any City of Manchester resident interested in growing his/her own produce.

Benefits

- ◆ Build community while working with fellow gardeners
- ◆ Save money
- ◆ Enjoy fresh food that you help grow
- ◆ Donate extra produce to local food initiatives
- ◆ Educate youth about gardening and nutrition
- ◆ Get active & increase physical activity
- ◆ Train new gardeners or learn new tricks from the experts

Location

The gardens are located on River Street. The gardens are intended for City of Manchester residents only as they will be located on City-owned land, supported by City of Manchester taxes.

Site, Layout

- Plots are approximately 10 x 15 feet
- 35 plots available
- Plots of land are leased for an annual fee of \$30 per plot; maximum of 2 plots per gardener
- Tilling & Soil testing will be done prior to the growing season
- Water will be available on site
- Sawdust, grass clippings and compost bins will be available on site
- Parking and port-a-pottys will be available



For new and experienced gardeners.

How Do I Get Started

Simply stop at the City Office to complete an application, pay the \$30 rental fee, and receive your water hydrant key. Registrations are filled on a first come, first served basis. Phone registrations will not be accepted. All garden tools, hoses, etc., shall be supplied by the gardener.

50% of your rental fee will be refunded when your garden plot is cleaned and the water key is returned at the end of the season.

What Can I Grow

It's amazing what you can grow! Melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, garlic, herbs, flowers, lettuce, zucchini, and much more—the choice is yours! This is a place for people of all skill levels. Visit with other gardeners to find out which plants might work best and learn from their valuable experiences.

Gardening classes may be offered if enough interest is expressed.

Please check the kiosk located at the community garden site, and look for the red signs to find out the latest scoop!

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