

Community Gardening in Aberdeen

Aberdeen has a long history with community gardens. The Aberdeen Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has had community garden plots available for the public to rent for over 35 years. The original and first plots alongside south Taft street are still in use. Over the years, the popularity of the program helped add additional garden locations, most recently 28 new plots in the Nature area located at 925 24th Ave NW. Currently the City has 194 garden plots that can be rented for growing annual vegetables.

The term community gardening can differ from location to location. Some cities have a community garden that provides a space for neighborhoods to plant and grow crops that then can be harvested by those in the neighborhood that want the fresh produce. Our program is different. We provide garden plots to those that may not have any space where they live or enough suitable space to grow a quality garden. A majority of our garden plots are 1200 square feet, but we also offer a limited amount of 600 square foot plots. Some gardeners rent two plots so they can keep their vine crops separate from their other crops that don't take up so much room.

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department tills the plots in the Spring and in the Fall and also has refuse locations to help with the cleanup at the end of each season. There are usually plots available for those wanting an opportunity to grow their own food. Just give us a call at 605-626-7015.

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