



Benefits of a Community Garden

Community Gardens...

- Improve the quality of life for people in the City
- Provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Create opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education.
- Allow residents to participate in an activity that benefits those in charitable need.



Richardson's Commitment to the Environment

Richardson is continuing to make great strides in leading the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex with innovative environmental initiatives. Our website, GreenCOR.net, features recent news and events happening in the City, in addition to environmental education and programs for citizens. Explore GreenCOR.net and join Richardson in its efforts to become more environmentally sustainable

Thank you for your interest in
Community Gardens.

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Eligibility Requirements

A community garden partnership program is a key component of the quality of life in Richardson. Some of the requirements are listed below:

- Nonprofit and Religious Organizations who own property conducive for a community garden located on at least one non-local road, have space for at least 8 garden beds (256 total sq ft), and provide adequate parking.
- 25% of the edible produce will be donated to those in need such as a local food bank or other charitable organization.
- Allow 50% of the gardening plots to be used by Richardson residents.



Participate in the City's Community Garden Partnership Program

Organizations interested in pursuing a partnership with the City of Richardson's Community Garden Partnership Program will need to submit an application for approval from the Environmental Advisory Commission and the City Council. Applications will be approved based on the location of the applicant's property, the need or desire for a community garden at that location, and other relevant factors.

An ideal location will have adequate space for at least eight (8) clearly designated community garden plots with a minimum of 32 square feet each. Adequate off-street parking will be necessary for partnership in this program.

Approved participants in the Community Garden program will receive a water

discount of **95%** for water usage charges for the watering needs of the community garden. The installation of a separate irrigation meter for the garden's water needs will be required and any associated costs will be paid by the partnering organization.

The City recommends having a community garden plot contract with each participant in the garden. Policies and procedures should be established by the organization and should be confirmed each year with a annual compliance certification submitted to the City. Richardson asks that each partner have a written plan for collection and distribution of 25% of the total food grown for distribution for those in charitable need.

More information about Community Gardens can be found at www.greencor.net

