



# Greeley Community Gardens

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Partners: City of Greeley, University of Northern Colorado, Weld County Health Department, Colorado State University Extension Office, Envision

## Program Basics:

A community garden is a place where people who don't have space of their own can grow their own produce. The City of Greeley and its partners sponsor gardens on the University of Northern Colorado campus off Reservoir Rd. southeast of the Judy Farr Alumni building and on historic Plumb Farm at 10<sup>th</sup> St. and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue across from the post office. There are 32 garden plots and preference is given to Greeley residents. Plots are \$25 a year for individuals, families and community groups. There are other community gardens in town too.

## 10 Reasons to Garden:

1. **You can make new friends**— Otherwise diverse gardeners come together, information is shared, relationships develop and people feel connected to the larger community of gardeners.
2. **It can improve the way neighborhoods look** – When unsightly vacant lots are replaced with gardens of fruits, flowers and vegetables the area looks improved, maintained and occupied.
3. **It's good for your health**—Constant supplies of fresh, organic produce do wonders for your diet. Gardening is also great exercise and working outside in the fresh air can be a great stress reliever.
4. **It increases biodiversity** – People planting heirloom vegetables and fruits and experimenting with non-indigenous plants help to increase biodiversity.
5. **It teaches about water conservation** – Greeley community gardens use drip irrigation, which is a highly efficient watering system that significantly reduces runoff and evaporation.
6. **You get to see birds and other wildlife** – Bird sightings to date include robins, meadowlarks, doves, kingbirds, black birds, and occasionally owls. You see rabbits too and groundhogs too!
7. **It produces food locally**—Knowing that what you serve your family was not produced with chemicals and did not travel cross-country or around the world to get to your table is a good thing!
8. **You can supplement your income**—With climbing gas and food prices, who doesn't need a few extra bucks every now and then? Growing your own produce really can slash grocery bills.
9. **It's a great learning opportunity** — Through the program Master Gardeners conduct workshops on topics such as seasonal plantings, pest management, and bulbs.
10. **It helps build community**— Religious groups, schools, non-profits and similar community groups are always looking for projects; community gardening is a great way to get involved!

## Helpful Links:

- <http://www.greeleygov.com/Water/conservation.aspx>
- <http://cmg.colostate.edu/>
- <http://www.livewellweldcounty.com>
- <http://www.communitygarden.org>



# Application

Getting involved with Community Gardening is as easy as 1-2-3:

**Step 1:** Complete this application and submit to the Neighborhood Resource Office by March 12, 2010. Call us at 336-4167 if you need help. *Note: Plots are rented on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply as soon as possible, especially if you want more than one plot. If all plots are occupied we will refer you to another garden in town.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of group (if applicable) Contact Person

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City, Zip Code

3. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Alternate Phone E-mail Address

4. How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Why are you interested? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which site do you prefer: UNC Plumb Farm

6. How many plots do you want? 1 2 3 (2 or more plots will be granted only if available)

7. How do you plan to use the plot(s)? Circle all that apply.

Vegetables Personal use Sell at Farmers' Market:  
Flowers Non-profit use (e.g. Food Bank, church)

8. How will you manage weeds, insects or diseases? Circle all that apply:

Hand pulling Organic products Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hoeing

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: City of Greeley, Neighborhood Resource Office, Greeley CO 80631  
For questions call Deb DeBoutez at 336-4167.**

**Step 2:** Staff will review your application and send you a notice by March 19, 2010. Once you are awarded a plot, pay the \$25 annual fee and sign the required agreement.

**Step 3:** Attend a garden orientation meeting in May 2010 for an overview of policies and procedures and an educational session for beginning gardeners. Then you can begin using your plot!

## Office Use Only:

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as submitted: Yes No

Approved with the following conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Plot(s) assigned: \_\_\_\_\_