REASONS TO GARDEN

You can make new friends – Diverse gardeners come together, information is shared, relationships develop, and people feel connected to the larger community of gardeners.

It can improve the way neighborhoods look – When vacant lots are replaced with gardens of fruits, flowers and vegetables, the area looks improved, maintained, and occupied.

It’s good for your health—Constant supplies of fresh produce are great for your diet. Gardening is also great exercise and working outside in the fresh air can be a great stress reliever.

It increases biodiversity – People planting heirloom vegetables and fruits and experimenting with non-indigenous plants help to increase biodiversity.

It teaches about water conservation – Many Greeley community gardens use drip irrigation, which is a highly efficient watering system that significantly reduces runoff and evaporation.

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 and groundhogs, too!

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!

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 can slash grocery bills.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27th
“Food Chains” Movie Screening
Lindou Theatre
(in basement of Michener Library, UNC)
7pm

May 20th
GMO Panel Discussion
Ubuntu Community Garden
2410 35th Avenue, Greeley
6pm

August 12th
Garden Art Workshop
location TBA
6pm

August 30th
Greeley Community Garden Tour
3-6pm

Visit maketodaycount.org for more information on events and workshops.
HOUSTON GARDENS 513 23rd Avenue
Established, 1970s
Situated on the land of one of Greeley’s early settlers, Houston Gardens include a nature center, community garden, and areas for outdoor events. It is now managed by the West Greeley Conservation District.
Overall size: 12,000 sq. ft.
Plot size: 10’x 66’
Type: rows
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: Discourage the use of chemicals but cannot be organic because of the ditch water used.
Water System: A large pipe that connects to the ditch water with gates that open and close on each person’s plot.
Cost: $20 per half plot, $35 for a full plot
On-site Composting: not provided, composting is up to the individual gardener.
Contact
Paul Conklin, 970-310-0145
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CLAY CENTER 1024 6th Avenue
Established, 2010
Tim Preston, the owner of the Clay Center, provides the fenced land and access to water for this garden. Home of an eclectic mix of Greeley residents, clients of Schaefler Enterprises, Envision, and young families, the gardens at the Clay Center have raised 250 pounds of produce. The garden will offer an array of workshops, field days, and other educational opportunities for other locals. Volunteer opportunities are available. The garden provides fresh produce for AHFY and WFB clients.
Overall size: 3,200 sq. ft.
Plot size: 6’x 10’
Type: rows
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: communal spigots, dragging hoses
Cost: $25 per plot
On-site Composting: yes, communal composting has been responsible for their own garden waste and compost.
Contact
Deb DeBoutez, City of Greeley, 970-336-4167
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PLUMB FARM 10th Street & 30th Avenue
Established, 2008
This garden has nine plots and is irrigated by ditch water, just like in historic Union Colony days. The farm and garden were given to the city’s museum as a memorial to the foresight and determination of the O.C. Plumb family, and is recognized as one of Colorado’s Centennial Farms. Most gardeners have a drip irrigation system in place.
Overall size: 12,000 sq. ft.
Plot size: 15’x 15’
Type: slightly raised beds
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: individual water connection, gardeners can hook up their own drip systems.
Cost: $25 per plot
On-site Composting: yes
Contact
Deb DeBoutez, City of Greeley, 970-336-4167
deborah.deboutez@greeleygov.com

PEAPOD PATCH Fellowship Church 2376 47th Avenue
Established, 2008
The Peapod Patch is an organic garden for those who want a peaceful place to plant their favorite herbs, flowers and veggies. It is located at the Fellowship Church in Greeley.
Overall size: 1,200 sq. ft.
Plot size: 6’x 10’
Type: rows
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: yes
Cost: $15 per plot
On-site Composting: yes
Contact
Edith Rodruval, 970-371-4589
emrodruval@gmail.com
folkshoshpappeley.org

VICTORY GARDEN 1110 M. Street
Established, 2013
Weld Food Bank (WFB) is partnering with Alternative Homes for Youth (AHFY) to provide horticultural therapy, farm-to-table culinary training, and other support for its residents. The garden will offer an array of workshops, field days, and other educational opportunities for other locals. Volunteer opportunities are available. The garden provides fresh produce for AHFY and WFB clients.
Type: open to the public; no plots are not open to the public but volunteer opportunities are.
Organic: yes
Water System: TBD
On-site Composting: yes
Contact
Emily Griffeth, 970-523-5410 x 207
emily.griffeth@ahfy.org
www.weldfoodbank.org

CLAY CENTER 1024 6th Avenue
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Overall size: 3,200 sq. ft.
Plot size: 6’x 10’
Type: rows
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: communal spigots, dragging hoses
Cost: $25 per plot
On-site Composting: yes, communal composting has been responsible for their own garden waste and compost.
Contact
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WEST GREELEY BAPTIST 3251 West 22nd Street
Established, 2010
This garden is situated in a beautiful setting next to Sanborn Park. Its plots are separated by 3’-4’ paths. Most gardeners raise vegetables or a mix of vegetables and flowers. Fences or other structures may be added to the gardeners’ plot but must be removed at the end of the growing season. The whole garden is fenced each spring by the garden coordinator and is usually ready to plant by March 1.
Overall size: 7,570 sq. ft.
Plot size: 20’x 25’
Type: rows
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: yes
Cost: $25 per plot
On-site Composting: no
Contact
Susan Fristo, 970-330-0786
garden.coordinator@yahoo.com
www.westgreeleybaptist.com

CHILDERN’S GARDEN 919 A Street
Established, 2014
The mission of The Children’s Garden is to provide a place for children and community to connect with the earth, learn, participate, experience, and enjoy the fruits of their labor. All are welcome to come out and garden with us. The volunteers who work the land will participate in the harvest.
Overall size: 2,400 square feet
Type: raised beds
Open to the Public: yes
Organic: yes
Water System: drip
Cost: no fee
Contact
Mil Hart, 970-396-2454
West Greeley Baptist

ACCESSIBLE GARDEN AT CONNECTIONS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING 1331 8th Ave
Established, 2013
The community garden at Connections for Independent Living serves the disabled community of Northern Colorado. The garden provides a holistic approach to problems such as isolation, depression, low self-esteem, and extreme poverty.
The garden creates a community of peer gardeners, engenders a sense of accountability and accomplishment, and provides opportunities for outdoor activity and exercise.
Contact
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lynda@connectionsfi.org

To sign up for a community garden: 970-336-4167/deborah.deboutez@greeleygov.com