

CAMBRIDGE GARDENER GUIDE



Program info

The goal of the Cambridge gardening program is to give residents space to grow food and build community in our dense urban environment. With 14 public, welcoming gardens across the city, we hope you'll grow food, foster connections, and add beauty and tranquility to your neighborhood. This guide offers best practices to help you garden successfully. Enjoy!

Garden guidelines

- **Maintain your plot regularly:** Plant, water, weed, and harvest consistently.
- **Avoid homemade structures:** Do not build temporary or handmade structures—they can be unsafe and are not permitted.
- **Grow responsibly:** Avoid invasive plants and don't let plants spill over or shade neighboring plots.
- **Maximize your space:** Plant seasonally—e.g., follow spring lettuce with summer tomatoes.
- **Care for your soil:** Use compost, organic mulch, cover crops, crop rotation, and organic soil blends. No pesticides or synthetic fertilizers allowed.
- **Ask for help:** Contact your garden coordinator or City staff with questions or concerns.
- **Stay aware:** Report safety issues or broken infrastructure to your coordinator or city staff immediately.
- **Build community:** Get to know fellow gardeners and stay engaged with your garden space.

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