



Community Gardeners caring for their plants.

## Community Garden Incentives

The City of Hutchinson supports community gardening and has developed incentives to assist community gardeners. In addition to the incentives the City provides, there are also limited publicly-owned properties that can be used for community gardens.

Incentives include:

- 🍅 One-time Water Tap Fee Waiver
- 🍅 Monthly Sewer and Stormwater Fee Waiver
- 🍅 Community Gardens on City-Owned and Land Bank Properties

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*“Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can have them plant a garden.”*

*~Robert Brault*

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### FOR AN APPLICATION:

Visit [www.Hutchgov.com/Housing](http://www.Hutchgov.com/Housing)

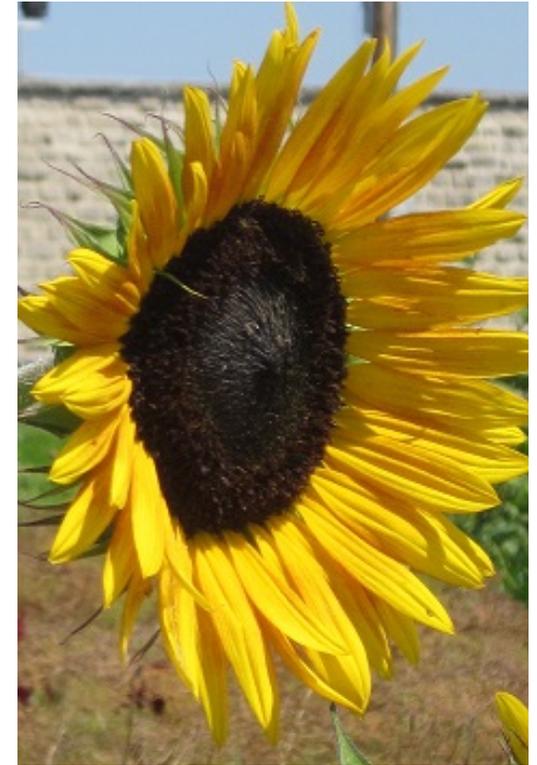
OR

Call (620) 694-2638



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## What is a community garden?

Community Gardens are a growing trend in the United States. They are defined as any piece of land that is gardened by a group of people. They can grow flowers, fruits and vegetables.

The City of Hutchinson defines a community garden as any collective group of at least three unrelated persons not residing in the same household coming together to create a garden. Groups that can often participate in community gardens are non-profit organizations and school groups, but neighbors and friends can pool together to develop a community garden as well.

### Why garden?

- 🍅 Healthy Living
- 🍅 Attractive Neighborhoods
- 🍅 Focus on Nature
- 🍅 Builds Community Connections

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*“There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.”*  
~Mirabel Osler

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### Types of Community Gardens

- 🍅 Allotment Garden  
Type of garden when the area is divided into smaller plots. Each smaller plot is gardened by an individual or family who belong to the larger organization.
- 🍅 Cooperative Garden  
Type of garden managed through coordinated efforts by participating gardeners.
- 🍅 Youth Garden  
Type of garden that specifically focuses on educating the youth.
- 🍅 Therapeutic Garden  
Type of garden which focus on using horticulture as therapy to improve social, psychological and physical well-being of patients.



Community Garden

### Getting Started

Community gardens take a lot of work. Three to five strongly committed individuals will be needed to ensure the success of your garden. Once you have identified your group, some action items include:

- 🍅 Choose a location
- 🍅 Evaluate what utilities are needed (without water, gardens won't typically grow)
- 🍅 Develop bylaws or rules (samples can be found in the 2015 Community Gardens Handbook)
- 🍅 Decide upon the garden type
- 🍅 Choose a name for your garden
- 🍅 Create a budget and identify how you will fund the expenses
- 🍅 Test the soil. Contact the Reno County Extension Office, (620) 662-2371, for information on soil testing.