



## HOW TO START A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Welcome to the process of **Starting a New Community Garden** on municipally owned land. To see a list of all of London's current Community Gardens, go to [london.ca/communitygardens](http://london.ca/communitygardens).

In order to begin the process, you must identify a possible site in your neighbourhood on public land, and have the support of at least 10 gardeners interested in participating in this potential new Community Garden.

The next step is to send a "Statement of Interest" to the email address provided below. This letter should note the proposed location of the new community garden and list the 10 supporters including their contact information and mailing address. If the proposed site passes the due diligence process and has the support of the local community (within a 250 metre radius of the proposed site), the Community Garden will be considered for further development.

The proposed site will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- availability and zoning
- ease of access during the gardening season
- the quality of the soil and drainage
- sun exposure
- access to water sources
- close to neighbourhoods and areas of population density
- other provincial regulations

If the criteria are met, the City will send a letter to all homes in a 250 meter radius of the proposed site, advising them of the proposal to develop a Community Garden and request written feedback to the City.

If there is demonstrated support for the proposed Community Garden, a site plan will be prepared by the City of London with support from the coordinating agency.

Gardeners will be required to work with the City of London to construct their garden beds and to install approved structures such as compost bins and storage containers. Some restrictions will apply. For full details, see the [City of London Community Garden Guidelines](#).

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