

Hunger Free North Dakota Garden Project

Start a community garden in 8 easy steps

1. Meet with your park district director and find some community property that could be used for a community garden.
2. Partner with your county extension agent for assistance with:
 - a. Soil testing and site selection
 - b. Information and supplies to kill weeds or grass before first tilling
 - c. Tilling assistance (The park district may offer this service for free)
3. Find water:
 - a. Contact the city or the county entity that owns the closest access to water
 - b. Find out how much they would charge for water
 - c. Determine how the water can be transported or piped to the garden
4. Release the information to the local newspaper and call a meeting for anyone interested in being a part of a community garden. Hang posters in all senior centers, schools, grocery stores, etc.:
 - a. Determine rules of the garden using this helpful website:
<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/starting-a-community-garden.php>
<http://www.communitygarden.org/rebeltomato/who-is-rebel-tomato.php>
 - b. Decide how to accept and deposit money
 - c. Designate contact people and/or elect a president
5. Appear before the park board members, city commissioner and/or county commissioners:
 - a. Ask for permission to proceed
 - b. Provide written information about how a community garden works and the expectations you have for their help
 - c. Ask for a minimum of three years and be sure to keep the board informed of any changes and/or unexpected issues that may arise
6. BE SURE AND TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THE HUNGER FREE ND GARDEN PROJECT and how it will benefit the local food pantry.
7. Involve junior master gardeners, master gardeners, horticulture groups, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, seniors, etc. You don't have to be a gardener – but you could become a gardener.
8. Repeat in every community

North Dakota Community Gardens

(Resources for community garden advice)

- Valley City
- Burleigh County fairgrounds
- Bismarck
- Mandan
- McKinley Youth Garden
- Yunker Farms
- Probstfield Organic Community Garden
- JMG Garden in Linton
- Fort Berthold Community College
- All Seasons Plot in Grand Forks
- Grand Forks Community Garden
- Carson Community Garden
- Elgin Community Garden
- New Leipzig Community Garden
- Lakota Community Garden
- Hamilton Community Garden
- Devils Lake City Gardens