

Thank you for your interest in Growing Gardens' Home Gardens Program!



This info sheet will provide you with more information about the Home Gardens Program, and instructions on how to take part in it. **Contact us now if you would like to participate in 2012 or 2013.** If you have any questions, please call us at 503-284- 8420 or email Laura at laura@growing-gardens.org.

The Home Gardens Program is a free service that helps low-income Portlanders start backyard vegetable gardens. **Gardeners in the Program receive:**

- One of three kinds of gardens at their home
- A compost system
- One year of help and mentorship from an experienced gardener
- Free admission to our workshop series
- Free seeds and plant starts for three years.

To qualify for the Home Gardens Program, you must:

- Live in North, Northeast or Southeast Portland
- Have a yearly income that falls within these guidelines:

Family Size	Yearly Income	Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$20,147	5	\$48,415
2	\$27,214	6	\$55,482
3	\$34,281	7	\$62,549
4	\$41,384	8*	\$69,616

*For each extra person, add \$7,067

If you meet these requirements and would like to take part in the Home Gardens Program:

1) Decide which type of garden would work best for your home:

In-Ground Gardens: Our biggest garden, and the type most gardeners receive. We dig two 4x8 foot garden beds dug into the soil, and add compost, minerals and mulch plants need to grow. We build these gardens in October and November, and then let them sit over the winter for use the following spring.

Grow Anywhere Containers: Designed for apartment residents and others who don't have yard space for an in-ground garden. We provide five-gallon plastic containers filled with a soil mix. Put them on a sunny balcony, driveway or patio. We deliver container gardens in March and April, for use that same spring.

Disabled Accessible Raised Gardens: One 4x8 foot, 2 foot high wood-framed raised bed with a bench around the edge, so you can work sitting down. We only build this type of garden for Gardeners who have a physical disability or other health issue that prevents them from using an in-ground garden. We build disabled accessible gardens in May, for use that spring.

2) Call us at 503-284-8420 or email laura@growing-gardens.org with the following information:

- Your full name
- Your phone number
- Your street address and mailing address (if different)
- The type of garden you would like to receive (in-ground, grow anywhere containers or a disabled accessible raised bed)
- If your family's income falls within the limited income guidelines (a simple "yes, we fall within the guidelines" or "no, we don't fall within the guidelines" is enough).

3) Attend a program orientation. Once you send us the above information, we will invite you to one of our program orientations. This meeting will give you a chance to learn more about Growing Gardens, meet other Gardeners, and to officially apply to the Home Gardens Program. **You must attend a program orientation in order to receive a garden.** We hold several program orientations twice a year, in the summer and winter:

- For an **in-ground garden**, attend an orientation in **September 2011**.
- For a **container garden**, attend an orientation in **January 2012**.
- For a **disabled accessible garden**, attend an orientation in **January 2012**.

4) Receive your garden and begin our support program! If you contact us now, you could receive:

- **An in-ground garden** in October or November 2012 to use in 2013
- **A container garden** in March or April 2012 to use in 2012.
- **A disabled accessible garden** in May 2012 to use in 2012.

We hope we'll hear from you soon!