

TWO RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

2024 Front Yard Vegetable Garden

Application

Thank you for your interest in this new City of Two Rivers program that was developed by the Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board.

We understand that people's concerns & priorities change over time and are acknowledging a shift in mindset by initiating a new health-focused program that allows our residents the freedom & opportunity to pursue proper nutrition.

The Environmental Advisory Board looks forward to seeing your garden!

GUIDELINES

- Your garden must be planted in raised beds and/or containers
- 4-foot setback is required
- 3-foot maximum plant height is allowed
- Total garden area is limited to 100 square feet of soil surface using a mix of configurations such as:
 - square - 5'x5' maximum
 - round - 5' diameter maximum
 - rectangular - 2'x10' maximum
- Raised bed height allowed is a minimum of 6" and a maximum of 24"

APPLICATION PROCESS

For a resident to be considered for the program and receive a permit certificate & yard sign they must:

- Return a completed application & simple garden layout rendering
- Applications will be reviewed and a decision will be made in a timely manner.
- Applicants will be advised of the decision within seven (7) business days.

NOTE:

- All participants must comply with the requirements of this program set forth. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of participation, with restoration of the affected area returned to its original state.
- A permit & a yard sign will be issued after an application and simple garden plan are approved.
- The program permit fee of \$20 has been **WAIVED** this year.

- If necessary, contact Diggers Hotline to avoid any accidents during installation, and supply the City with proof of execution.
- An Environmental Advisory Board representative will contact participants several times during the growing season to check the progress of the garden and address any concerns of the homeowner. Please feel free to make suggestions as to how the program can be improved - we want to hear from you!
- By participating in this program, the homeowner gives the City the right to take photos of the garden throughout the growing period for tracking, reporting & promotional purposes.

FAQ's:

- Why container gardening and raised beds? Here's a list of the advantages:
 - Less disruptive to your yard, easily rearranged and expanded.
 - Minimize issues with water runoff which carries unwanted contaminants into our storm sewer system.
 - Looks nice and helps maintain the appearance of a traditional yard.
 - Fewer pest invasions, improved drainage, fewer weeds & better soil temperatures.
 - It can be temporary or permanent.
 - Easier on a gardener's back!
- Why a 4-foot setback?
 - The setback is necessary to lessen stormwater runoff during a rain event that could enter the City's storm sewer system & contaminate our waterways.
 - The following pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant. They include:
 - pesticides
 - herbicides
 - pet waste
 - leaves & grass clippings which add unwanted nutrients to the water such as phosphorus and nitrogen
- Why height and area maximums?
 - Please keep in mind that the front and side yards are visible to the public - to your neighbors - and there is an expectation that your new landscape configuration will blend well with neighboring properties.
 - We encourage you to be creative with the layout of the containers & raised beds while maintaining a "traditional" front yard flavor.
 - Do a little research and find dwarf varieties of vegetables you'd love to grow and consider horizontal trellises to stay within the plant height & garden size requirements.
- Familiarize yourself with the City's
 - Code Ordinance Section 10-1-15 "Height and area exceptions" available on the City's website at two-rivers.org
 - "Line of Sight" considerations - click on the link referenced in the appendix.
- What materials can I build my raised bed from?
 - Bricks & cinder blocks

- Natural & manufactured stones such as cobblestones & slab stones
- Plastic
- Milled wood & logs
- Corrugated metal & metal troughs
- Reclaimed materials such as old canoes or kayaks

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the City and a representative will help you as soon as possible.



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CITY OF TWO RIVERS FRONT YARD VEGETABLE GARDENING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Date:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Why are you participating in our program? (Check all that apply)

- Eat healthier
- Save money at the grocery store
- Produce nutrition & taste are better than store bought
- Guaranteed to be fresh
- More variety of produce
- Know where my vegetables come from
- Beneficial to the environment
- Fosters a connection with nature & provides

I understand that if the program's guidelines are not followed, my participation in the program will be forfeited & the original landscaping restored at my expense in a timely manner.

Signature & Date: _____



CITY OF TWO RIVERS

FRONT YARD VEGETABLE GARDENING 2024

END-OF-SEASON SURVEY

1. Why did you participate in our program? (Check all that apply)

- To save money at the grocery store
- To eat healthier
- To know where my vegetables come from
- To limit chemical applications

2. How likely is it that you would participate in future Two Rivers FYVG events?

- Absolutely!
- Perhaps
- No thanks

3. Overall, how would you rate the program?

- Excellent
- Good
- Neutral
- Just okay
- Poor

4. What did you like about the program?

5. What did you dislike about the program?

6. How organized was the event?

- Extremely organized
- Very organized
- Somewhat organized
- Not so organized
- Not at all organized

7. How friendly were the organizers?

- Extremely friendly
- Very friendly
- Somewhat friendly
- Not so friendly
- Not at all friendly

8. How helpful were the organizers?

- Extremely helpful
- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not at all helpful

9. Were the organizers responsive & knowledgeable?

- Extremely responsive or knowledgeable
- Very responsive or knowledgeable
- Somewhat responsive or knowledgeable
- Not at all responsive or knowledgeable

10. Is there anything else you'd like to share about the program - comments, questions, concerns

11. Would you recommend this program to a friend?

- Absolutely!
- Perhaps
- No thanks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please return form to : City of Two Rivers, Attn: Environmental Advisory Board, 1717 East Park Street, PO Box 87, Two Rivers, WI 54241.