



Community Gardens in Hamilton: Using the Online Garden Directory

The Hamilton Community Garden Networking program (HCGN) at Neighbour to Neighbour Centre (N2N) helps Hamiltonians get connected to community gardens. One way we do this is through N2N's online Garden Directory. This online map shows the locations of community gardens in Hamilton and who to contact to get involved.

Step 1: Find the Online Garden Directory

Visit the Hamilton Community Garden Networking page at:

www.n2ncentre.com/hamilton-community-food-centre/community-garden-networking-program

Step 2: Look for Your Area on the Map

The garden directory was made using the Google My Map web service and includes zoom, satellite, and street view functions.

Step 3: Choose the Type of Community Garden

Below are the different types of gardens in the Garden Directory.

Choose the kind of garden that interests you and look for that symbol on the map.

Plot-based: These gardens offer small plots for gardeners to grow and harvest their own vegetables, fruit, or flowers. There is often a yearly plot rental fee and there may be a waitlist of interested gardeners. There are about 24 Plot-based gardens in Hamilton and they are most commonly located in public parks.

Communal: In these gardens, community members work together to grow and harvest the produce. All vegetables and fruit are then equally shared with the garden members. There are about 5 Communal gardens in the city.

Donation: Produce grown and harvested in these gardens is donated to local food banks and meal programs. The work is shared by the gardeners, who are usually volunteers. There are about 10 Donation gardens in the city. They are usually run by faith groups or nonprofit organizations.

Tenant: Participation in these gardens is only open to residents who live or work in the nearby building. There are about 20 Tenant gardens in the city and you will usually see them beside CityHousing Hamilton buildings, co-op housing, and workplaces.

Youth/Education: These gardens have a child and youth focus and are either for students who attend the school where the garden is located or are open to those that are under 18 years old and their families. There are about 10 Youth/Education gardens in the city.

Other: Gardens or urban farms that do not fit into the other types.

Step 4: Select and Contact a Garden

Once you have picked a garden you wish to get involved with, click the marker on the map to see contact information in a menu on the left. Each garden has its own set of policies, application processes, and responsibilities for gardeners.

Contact your selected garden by phone or email to ask about gardening, waitlists, volunteering, or to learn about programming opportunities and special events.

What is the Hamilton Community Gardening Network (HCGN) program?

The HCGN program supports coordinators of community gardens in Hamilton. The program connects coordinators with one another, provides advice on how to run community gardens, answers community member inquiries about being involved in gardens and provides access to resources.

While N2N runs three of the gardens found in the online Garden Directory, N2N does not operate the other gardens in the program.

Questions?

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