



POLICY

POLICY NO:	212	APPROVAL DATE:	October 20, 2014
TITLE:	Community Garden/Edible Landscaping	REVISION DATE:	July 12, 2021
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DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Services		

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Grande Prairie (“City”) recognizes that food security is an important factor in our sustainability as a community. Community Gardens aid in providing fresh fruit and vegetables as well as teach members of our community how to garden. As an organization we will provide support to various Community Groups and Neighbourhood Associations to incorporate Community Gardens into their neighbourhoods to benefit the City and its residents. It is expected that Community Groups or Neighbourhood Associations will meet established criteria, provide supporting documentation, and have the required community support to develop a Community Garden.

As an organization we commit to planting fruit bearing trees and shrubs as a portion of our annual plantings in parks to support food security and act as an educational tool for the community at large.

REASON FOR POLICY

To support the establishment of Community Gardens and edible landscaping on municipally owned lands.

RELATED INFORMATION

Community Garden Procedure 212•1
Edible Landscape Procedure 212•2
Community Garden Application
Community Garden Handbook

All other City bylaws, policies, procedures, and programs impacting community gardens will remain in effect.

Parks Operations commits to planting fruit bearing trees, shrubs and vegetables in green spaces throughout the community based on practicality and safety.

DEFINITIONS

“Community Garden(s)” means outdoor spaces on approved municipal land where residents can grow, maintain and harvest fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers, with no rental fee.

“Community Groups” means a group of individuals or a neighbourhood working together.

“Neighbourhood Association” as defined by the City Neighbourhood Association Program.

RESPONSIBILITIES

City Council will review and approve any revisions to this Policy.

City Manager will review and approve any procedures related to this Policy.

City Administration will carry out the policy based on established procedures.