

East Multnomah County Community Gardens and Farms

Whether you are a budding gardener, a master gardener, or a would-be urban farmer, East Multnomah County has the plot for you.

Sure, there are traditional community garden plots for renters with no yards, or homeowners whose yards are not suitable for gardening.

But there are also handicapped accessible beds, a farm where everything grown goes to a local food pantry, and even a drop-in garden where for a few hours of work, you can leave with free fresh produce.

Locally, community gardens are offered through the following organizations and cities:

GRESHAM

Outgrowing Hunger oversees five community gardens in Gresham, including four on property owned by the City of Gresham and one on land owned by Multnomah County.

- Central City Garden, 840 N.E. Eighth St. at the Multnomah County East building, is located on land owned by the county.

The garden is an innovative partnership between Outgrowing Hunger, Multnomah County and community-based stakeholders such as Imago Dei Community and Loaves & Fishes. It includes eight raised beds that are handicapped accessible, as well as a 1,200-square-foot plot dedicated to growing food for the Loaves and Fishes Center within the Multnomah County East building.

Click [here](#) to register, agree to the [garden rules](#) and sign the [liability waiver](#).

- Gresham City Hall Gardens, 1333 N.W. Eastman Parkway, boasts: four 5'x12' raised beds; 16 20'x20' plots and 10 10'x20' plots.
- Yamhill Gardens, 19309 S.E. Yamhill St., includes 19 raised beds: 13 are 4'x16', five 4'x12' and one 4'x11'.

- Thom Park Gardens, 1135 S.E. Ninth St., includes 22 plots most of which are 14'x16' or 14'x24'.

- Nadaka Nature Park and Community Garden, 17500 N.E. Glisan St., boasts nearly 60 plots, including six raised beds that are handicapped accessible. Most plots are the standard 10'x20' size, but some are 20'x20'.

Plots at all four city community gardens cost \$25 a year, and gardeners must live or work in Gresham. For more information on the gardens, or to be added to the wait list, visit the city's website at <http://greshamoregon.gov/gardens/> or contact Community Garden Manager Adam Kohl at 971-231-4191 or adam@outgrowinghunger.org.

- East County Community Garden at the East County Church of Christ, Southeast 242nd Avenue and Stark St., has 49 plots. A single plot is 15'x15' and costs \$65 a year or \$45 for those with limited incomes. A double plot is 15'x 30', costs \$90 a year or \$65 for those with limited incomes. For more information, contact Jean Zondervan with Grow Portland at jzondervan@growportland.org or at 971-645-6600.

- Hogan Road Community Garden at Grace Community Church, 800 N.E. Hogan, charges members \$10 year to commit to working one to two hours a week during open garden hours. Work can be anything from preparing soil to planting, weeding or other garden maintenance. To register for a plot, go to gracecc.net/garden. Need more details? Call Cindy at 503-663-2289.

- St. Henry Catholic Church, 346 N.W. First St., Gresham, has two 10'x20' plots left out of the garden's 13 plots. Parishioners get first dibs, but after April 15, the remaining plots are opened up to the public. Each one costs \$25, but an enthusiastic gardener could combine them into one 20'x20' plot for \$50 a year. Pesticides are not allowed and the soil is "quite rich with great drainage as there is a bed of river rock beneath this garden area deposited by Johnson Creek millennia ago I would suppose," said Garden Master Jim Buck. Tools are in the shed and a water source is right in the middle of the garden. Intrigued? Email Buck at jimbuck22@comcast.net.

- SnowCap Community Garden, 17805 S.E. Stark St., has 45 plots, most of which are handicapped accessible. The plots are free to clients and low-income resident who live east of 82nd Avenue. Plots range from 4'x4' to 5'x11'. For more information, contact Garden Coordinator Diane Liefeld at 503-674-8785.