



CITY OF RED DEER GARDEN PLOTS

GARDENING RESOURCES

For practicing ecologically sensitive and environmentally sustainable gardening

- ▶ **Red Deer & District Garden Club** facebook.com/RedDeerGardenClub
- ▶ **Rethink Red Deer** rethinkreddeer.ca
- ▶ **Red Deer Public Library: Rediscover Green** bit.ly/18g6Udi
- ▶ **Organic Alberta** organicalberta.org
- ▶ **Seeds of Diversity** seeds.ca
- ▶ **Urban Farm Magazine** facebook.com/urbanfarm
- ▶ **Community Supported Agriculture in Alberta** csaalberta.com
- ▶ **The Centre for Urban Agriculture in Alberta**
facebook.com/groups/centreforurbanag (Public Facebook Group)

REMEMBER: *City of Red Deer garden plots are pesticide-free (Parks & Public Facilities Bylaw 3255/2000). Conventional pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides) are prohibited. Certain ecologically sensitive pest control products may be considered at the discretion of The City of Red Deer Parks section.*

As an added measure of environmental protection you are encouraged to only use organic fertilizers and soil amendments as opposed to synthetic or chemical ones. Organic materials such as manure, compost and bone meal help to build up the soil and promote a healthy soil ecosystem. Though synthetic or chemical fertilizers provide plants with quick food, they do nothing to sustain the soil. Furthermore chemical runoff and ground seepage from gardens into adjacent natural areas and water bodies can negatively affect the health of those fragile ecosystems.

For more information on City garden plots, neighbourhood community gardens or food forests/orchards, visit www.reddeer.ca/gardening or contact our Parks section at 403.342.8303.