



Contact List

University of California Cooperative
Extension's Community Garden
Start-Up Guide
celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/97080.pdf

Master Gardeners at the University of
Nevada Cooperative Extension
[www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/
mastergardener/southern/](http://www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/mastergardener/southern/)

American Community
Gardening Association
communitygarden.org

The People's Garden
usda.gov/peoplesgarden

Grow Your Own, Nevada!
growyourownnevada.com

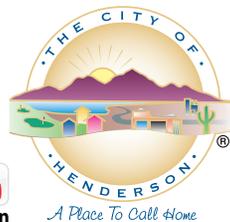
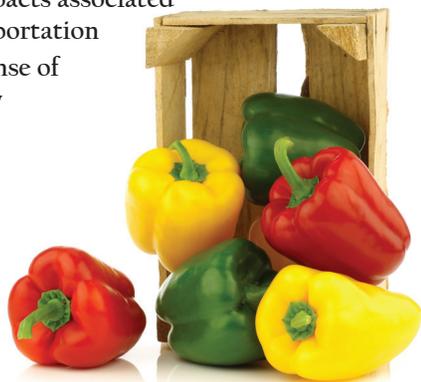
Clark County Assessor's Office
clarkcountynv.gov/depts/assessor

City of Henderson
Water Meter at
702-267-5900
Zoning Information at
702-267-1500

Community gardens provide countless health, wellness, educational and social benefits. Just as important, they provide an opportunity for people to come together with a shared interest.

Community gardens:

- Provide access to fresh, healthy produce at low cost
- Save time and resources from farm to table
- Reduce impacts associated with transportation
- Create a sense of community



Community Development & Services Department
cityofhenderson.com



Fresh,
Healthy
and FUN!





Have a Plan

- What's your vision?
- What will you plant?
- Who will use it?
- Who will maintain it?

Choose the right site

- Does it have access to water?
- Is it a convenient location?
- Is the ground level?
- Is there sunlight for at least 6-8 hours?



Contact the City to get required permits and water hook-ups. A garden will require a separate water meter.

Contact the Site Owner and ask permission to use their property for a community garden. Describe your vision and the benefits it brings to the location. Tell them the organizers will pay for all costs to develop, operate and maintain the garden. The owner may ask you to sign a lease. Many community gardens are able to lease property at a small cost. If you are not sure who owns the site, search the Clark County Assessor's Records to locate the owner.

Gather a Group by reaching out to friends, neighbors and others who may be interested in starting and running the garden. Your success depends on having a dedicated group to support the garden. Community gardens are often run by co-ops, nonprofit organizations, church groups or garden clubs.

Test the Soil to identify the soil quality and any contaminants; you'll need the owner's permission first. Depending on the soil quality, you may need to limit the garden to raised beds. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension can provide more information.

Liability Insurance may be requested by most property owners for any injuries that may occur on site. Contact your insurance agent for more information.

Design the Garden. What are the materials, set-up costs, and roles/responsibilities of gardeners? Remember to plan for water irrigation, tool storage, fencing, seating and shaded areas for rest.



Know the Budget. Use your figures to determine start-up costs, permit fees, materials, supplies, monthly maintenance costs and most importantly water costs.

Create Garden Guidelines for your community garden. A contract or an agreement for participating gardeners should include: who pays for material and water costs, liability waivers, how the garden is planted, maintained and harvested. Keep it simple, but clearly explain the rules and expectations to protect everyone's interests.

Begin Building by cleaning up the site, install irrigation, add fencing, lay out the garden plots, build raised garden beds, and build or install a tool and equipment shed. Volunteers can help; contact local Boy Scout Troops or churches.

Start Planting. Select plants based on the season that grows well in our desert climate. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extensions website contains a lot of good information.

