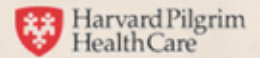




2018 Backyard Garden Program

Thanks to the generous support of:



"If I can do it, you can do it! I'm 77 years old and I'm in better health now because of the garden. I feel better, I'm happier, and I know from moving in the garden that I'm stronger." —Pat, 2017 Backyard Gardener



In our **Backyard Garden Program**, we build an 8' x 4' raised bed garden in your backyard, give you a garden mentor, free seeds and seedlings, and train you and your family how to make it flourish! In 2018, we are prioritizing these services for older adults in Gloucester- **so apply today!**

2018 Backyard Garden Program Application

Name(s)

Street Address

City

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Household Information:

Total number in your household: older adults (62+): _____ adults: _____ children: _____

Would anyone in your household need a wheelchair accessible garden bed Yes No

Do you receive any of the following? (Check all that apply):

- Welfare
- SSI/Disability
- Fuel Assistance
- TAFDC/EAEDC
- Unemployment
- WIC
- Head Start
- Mass Health
- Veterans Aid
- SNAP/EBT

For more information visit www.backyardgrowers.org or call 978-281-0480.

IN ORDER TO APPLY:

→ We ask for a small participation fee for the program. The fee is a sliding scale from \$10-50 and represents the small amount of money you will have to put into your garden each year for upkeep.

→ In order to participate in the Backyard Garden Program, you must attend the annual March Square Foot Garden training and two additional cooking/garden workshops. We will help with transportation if necessary.

- Square Foot Garden Training: March 24, 2018 at 10 am-12 pm, BYG Office 271 Main St.
- Cooking Workshops: dates TBD Tuesdays in May, August, October, 6-8 pm

Income Eligibility: Program eligibility is based on income, according to the 2017 HUD guidelines.

We rely on your honesty in completing the income section below.

Is the Annual Adjusted Gross Income for your household at or below the amounts listed for the number of people in your household?

Yes _____ No _____

1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people
\$54,750	\$62,550	\$70,350	\$78,150
5 people	6 people	7 people	8 people
\$84,450	\$90,700	\$96,950	\$103,200

Please complete the following questions:

Do you have an existing vegetable garden or do you need a new 4x8' raised bed from Backyard Growers? I have an existing vegetable garden. I need a new garden bed.

Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

→ If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord? Yes No

Do you have a accessible source of water? Yes No

Do you have an area of your yard that receives at least 6 hours of full sun? Yes No

I certify that I have read the program guidelines and that my income information is correct. I understand that if my application is accepted, I will be responsible for attending the mandatory training and workshops, maintaining the garden I receive, and paying a small fee to participate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

In 2018, our focus is to serve the older adult population (62+) in Gloucester and, therefore, we are prioritizing these applicants in our application process this year. Additionally, applications are reviewed based on the following criteria: income eligibility, first-come/first-served, and availability of resources. No applicant will be discriminated against because of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. **If you are not income eligible for the Backyard Garden Program, please consider our Get-a-Garden, Give-a-Garden Program. For more information, visit <http://www.backyardgrowers.org/donate>.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2018

Return the application: Mail or deliver directly to Backyard Growers at 271 Main Street, Gloucester MA 01930 OR Email the scanned completed application to community@backyardgrowers.org OR Apply online at backyardgrowers.org