

# Community Garden Series Introduction

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Community gardening can enhance the quality of life, within our communities, by providing a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, inspiring social interaction, beautifying our communities, producing natural goods, relieving food budgets, conserving resources and promoting self-reliance, recreation, education and outdoor therapy. This series includes photos of a few community gardens in the Wasatch Front. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to certain areas within your community that provide the potential aspects necessary to start your own community gardens.

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## Community Garden Definition:

A piece of land cultivated by members of a community, especially in an urban area. A community garden encourages an urban community's food security, allowing citizens to grow their own food or donate what they have grown. (*Webster's New Millennium Dictionary of English*)

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## Keywords:

aesthetic beauty, close proximity to residential areas, conserving resources, convenient, education, family activity, flower gardens, natural produce, open space, pocket parks, recreation, reducing family food budgets, rural character, self-reliance, social interaction, therapeutic hobby