

'Community In Bloom'

Ideas

for setting up your community garden

Public Housing Estates

Tampines Starlight Residents' Committee



Platinum Award Winner

Blk 718 Tampines Street 72

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage.

Good no. of participants, actively helped promote gardening in community events, reached out to nearby schools, regularly hosted learning visits collaborated with other community gardening groups.

Punggol Coral Residents Committee



Platinum Award Winner



Blk 128 Edgedale Plains (Punggol)

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil. Use of recycled materials for garden entrances. Exotic plants eg Air plants, Ferns, Pitcher Plants, grow among fruit trees, herbs, flowers and vegetables.

Woodlands Zone 2 Residents' Committee



Platinum Award Winner

Blk 719 Woodlands Street 82

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage. Use of recycled materials.

Enclosed and open sections which blends well with the surrounding, encouraging residents to take part in gardening, sharing of plants and crops with other residents nearby.

Jurong Central Zone G Residents' Committee



Platinum Award Winner



Blk 337 Jurong East Ave 1

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage. Enclosed and open sections which blends well with the surrounding, encouraging residents and nearby schools to take part in gardening, sharing of plants and crops with other residents nearby.

Pasir Ris Zone 5 Residents' Committee



Platinum Award Winner

Blk 565 Pasir Ris Street 51

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage.

Large number of participants, actively helped to promote gardening in community events, reached out to nearby schools, hosted learning visits, collaborated with other community gardening groups.

Eunos Zone 6 Residents Committee



Gold Award Winner



Blk 666 Jalan Damai (Bedok Reservoir)

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil. Use of recycled materials for garden entrances. Wooden stakes & strings used to create a nice garden fence.

Sembawang Zone E Residents' Committee



Gold Award Winner

Blk 718 Woodlands Avenue 6

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage.

Seamless/ fenceless garden which blends with the surrounding landscapes and public amenities.

Use of recycled materials for garden creation.



Private Housing Estates -Condominiums

Ivory Heights Condominium





Ivory Heights Condominium community garden, Jurong East

This lovely garden achieved the Platinum Award and won the Best New Garden (Private Estate) in CIB Awards 2008. It started in 2007 as a little gardening patch and has grown many folds to incorporate sculptures and resting corners where residents can gather and unwind.

D'Marine Apartments



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Herbs

Garden



Private Housing Estates - Roadside Gardens



Mayfair Park Estate community gardens

The Mayfair Park Estate Neighbourhood Committee community gardening project involves over half of the 150 households in the estate. The project was successful due to effort put in by NC volunteers to encourage & sustain neighbours interest in beautifying their roadside verges in the estate.

Woodlands Park Estate



Mayfair Park Estate



Mayfair Park Estate



Opera Estate



Tanjong Katong Estate





Springleaf Estate NC community garden, Thong Soon Neighbourhood Park

A relatively new gardening group, this community garden is home to a variety of flowering and ornamental plants of different heights, colours and texture, which are cultivated alongside herbal and medicinal plants.

Organisations

Woodlands Community Club



Platinum Award Winner



Woodlands Community Club, Woodlands Street 81

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals among edible plants to adorn the garden, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage. Active gardening and related activities organised for residents.

Association For Persons with Special Needs (Centre for Adults)





Yokogawa Engineering Asia Pte Ltd community garden, Bedok South

Blooming flowers and manicured gardens welcome workers and visitors to the factory premises of this MNC. Inside, a group of workers plant and cultivate their own herbs, spices and fruit trees. A garden at the rooftop is adorned with blooming flowers, where workers and visitors unwind.



U Live – Eco Club community garden, Downtown East

Volunteers from U Live – Eco Club got together to plan and plant this ‘Spa’ garden. In addition to maintaining this garden regularly, volunteers organise activities such as gatherings and visits to plant nurseries, roadshows and garden display at the Singapore Garden Festival.

EXAMPLES OF PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS



Al-Istiqamah Mosque

Creative garden layout, use of ornamentals inside and outside garden to soften the fence, a large variety of plants, good housekeeping, clean and tidy, healthy plants free of pests and diseases, well-maintained soil, proper storage.

Good no. of participants, helped promote gardening in community events, reached out to other mosques & organisations, schools, regularly hosted learning visits, collaborated with other community gardening groups.

Dover Park Hospice



Educational Institutions

My First Campus Anchorvale



PCF Twinkle Tots Childcare - Yuhua



Jurong Primary School



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Macpherson Primary School community garden

This innovative school garden combines National Education with gardening, illustrating the importance of food sustainability and self-sufficiency. In this garden students take turns to sustain the plants and use this garden as an outdoor classroom.

Zhangde Primary School



Teck Whye Primary School





Cedar Girls Secondary School community garden

This project is a collaboration between the school, residents of Kolam Ayer and private sector. The garden is built using recycled construction bakau poles for the gardening beds and bamboo poles to support climbing plants. Residents and students work together to cultivate and harvest this food garden.

Considerations in Planning for the gardening project

QUALITY OF GARDEN

- Nice to look at, acceptable to everyone
- Plants are healthy, weeds are regularly removed, plants are trimmed
- Garden is clean & safe – housekeeping, no mosquito breeding
- Garden is environmentally friendly – recycled materials, organic pesticides

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Residents, students, staff are involved in the setting-up and maintenance of the garden
- The garden is open to visitors, the gardeners reach out to help others in their own gardening projects
- Gardeners & leaders are active, and the garden is sustained over a long term

Creating a Beautiful Garden

i. Creative garden design / lay out, presence of a garden theme

- Plan your garden around a garden theme: Kitchen Garden, Herb Garden, Sensory Garden, etc
- Create & arrange planter beds with different shapes & arrangements instead of just straight rows
- Have a proper circulation- points of entrance, exit, pathways leading to different parts of the garden
- Create sectors in your garden for different types of activities, types of plants

ii. A garden that is inviting to visitors & blends well with surrounding

- Maintain good housekeeping habits
- Allocate proper storage areas
- Create a fenceless & open garden that complements surrounding landscapes
- If fences are necessary:-
 - Plant hedges or ornamentals around fence,
 - Choose short fences, instead of tall ones
 - Use natural materials eg bakau poles, recycled timber, strings &/or hedges

iii. Flowers/ornamental plants to enhance garden

- Plant flowering plants such as Zinnia, Sunflowers, Angelonia, Marigold, in & around your garden
- Plant edible plants in a creative manner

iv Creative & Innovative Use of Garden Hardscape

- Use sculptures, trellises, raised beds, garden edging, pavings, etc, to enhance your garden
- Use recycled materials to decorate your garden

Creating an Active & Lively Garden

i. Proper Planning & Support

- organise & inspire your community towards the project
- appoint a leader to oversee the gardening activities
- appoint an alternate leader
- identify green fingers within the group who can help the others
- allocate funds to start-up and to sustain the garden
- spend some time to plan the garden details
- obtain support from Town Council, HDB, NParks, PA, CDC, etc where appropriate

ii. Active Leadership

- have a common understanding of roles and do's & don'ts among participants
- set guidelines on housekeeping of the common spaces inside & outside the garden
- allow creativity to plant - avoid placing too much restrictions to participants
- when allocating gardening plots, plan for increased membership in future
- organise activities such as Garden Open Days to engage nearby residents to get involved
- take part in activities organised by NParks, CDC's, etc
- encourage sharing of harvest among residents
- encourage & reward good efforts by participants

Creative Garden Design & Lay out



- Create & arrange planter beds with different shapes & arrangements instead of just straight rows
- Have a proper circulation- points of entrance, exit, pathways that lead to different sections of the garden
- Create sectors in your garden for different types of activities, types of plants
- Plan your garden around a garden theme eg, Kitchen Garden, Herb Garden, Balinese Garden etc



Garden Is Inviting & Blends Well with Surrounding



- A fenceless garden blends better with surrounding
- If fences are necessary, use shorter height fences, or use plants &/or natural unobtrusive materials to help soften impact of barricades



Flowers & Ornamentals To Enhance Garden



- Flowering plants provide colour and enhances the community garden
- Herbs, vegetables & spices of different colours, textures & forms can be creatively arranged

Creative & Innovative Use of Garden Hardscape



- Sculptures, stones, rocks
- Trellises, Gazebo
- Edging, raised beds, planters
- Use recycled materials as much as possible

Happy Gardening!



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