



# SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

# P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is made up of community managed open spaces in Seattle neighborhoods. Gardeners, individually and collectively, use small plots of land to grow organic food, flowers, and herbs.

The gardens are open to the public to enjoy. Each garden is unique, and their amenities may include picnic areas, benches, art, flower gardens, educational information, sustainability demonstrations, and children’s gardens.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is managed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. As of December 2023, there are 90 P-Patch community gardens, and more than 3,750 gardeners.

P-Patch gardens have a diverse history and serve diverse needs. The first garden, Picardo Farm, was created in 1973 by a group of community residents and the City of Seattle. Gardens are built on public property owned by various city departments and other public and private owners.

## SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

P-Patch community gardens thrive because of the dedication of gardeners and the support of local organizations, such as:

- GROW
- Seattle Giving Garden Network
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Tilth Alliance
- City Fruit
- Black Star Farmers
- Hunger Intervention
- Marra Farm Collective
- Khmer Community of Seattle King
- County (KCSKC)
- Sawhorse Revolution
- Beacon Food Forest Collective

## APPLY TO BE A GARDENER

There are gardens all over Seattle. Our website will walk you through all the steps to get involved and start growing flowers and food alongside your neighbors. In 2023, 689 new community gardeners joined the P-Patch program. Click on the [How to Sign Up](#) link for more or head to our website and learn more.

## P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENS IN DEMAND

- As of December 2023, there are 1,685 people on the Interest List.
- Waiting time for individual gardens is between 0-6 months and 3-5 years.
- Annual turnover across entire program averages 14 percent.

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## GARDEN FEES

Garden plots run in different sizes:  
 10' x 10' – \$53  
 10' x 20' – \$70  
 10' x 40' – \$104

- Financial assistance is available for those who need help paying plot fees.
- In addition to the annual fee, eight hours of volunteer time are required to maintain public areas of the P-Patch.

## FUN FACTS

**Oldest Site:** Picardo (2.5 acres)

**Largest Site:** Beacon Food Forest (3.5+acres)

**# of Sites with Accessible Raised Beds:** 35

**Newest Site:** Hinoki

**Smallest Site:** Ida Mia (700 square feet)

## PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS

One of our core values is supporting low-income and underrepresented populations. One way we work to achieve this is through the Market Garden Program. Low-income and immigrant families living in Seattle Housing Authority' High Point property have the opportunity to sell the produce grown at the P-Patch to local residents. This P-Patch program also provides financial assistance. In 2023 a total of 860 households received plot fee assistance, totaling \$68,974.

## PRIORITY PLACEMENT

The P-Patch program prioritizes historically underserved populations for plot assignments. These priority groups include individuals who identify as Black or African American, Indigenous/Native, Latinx or Hispanic, households making 30% or below Seattle area median income, immigrants and refugees, people who need to garden in an accessible raised bed, and groups that serve seniors and youth (up to age 24). In 2023, 290 family households were assigned new spaces through priority placement, totalling 42 percent of new gardeners.

## GARDENERS SUPPORT FOOD BANKS

60 gardens have gleaning programs or a designated “giving garden” plot in which the food is grown for food banks and hot meal programs. Gardeners donated more than 33,438 pounds of produce in 2023.

