

Gardening & Yard Animals

There are so many easy ways for you to develop effective agriculture in your very own backyard! Whether you're just starting out or have a green thumb, this Guide will help grow your garden to be the envy of the block.

GROWING PRODUCE IN YOUR YARD

There are no restrictions on gardening on residential property as long as gardens are properly maintained and watered based on St. Pete's watering restrictions, which can be found at stpete.org/WaterRestrictions. Edible landscaping may be planted in the public right-of-way (ROW) as long as it does not impede visibility, there is no approved streetscape plan, and it is not adjacent to a major street or state roadway. Vegetation which is a hazard to public safety is prohibited.

SELLING PRODUCE

Value-added products such as pickles, jams, and honeybee products grown by a registered beekeeper may be offered for sale on residential properties Friday through Sunday during daylight hours, up to 36 days per calendar year. Off-site sales are allowed at Farmers Markets and on vacant commercial property with a Roadside Vending Permit.

To apply for a Roadside Vending Permit, visit stpete.org/BusinessApplications.



RAISED BEDS & GARDENING STRUCTURES

Raised beds and gardening structures like greenhouses, vertical vegetable structures, hoop houses, and cold frames may be used as long as they are placed properly.

Placement Requirements:

- May not be placed within 5 feet from a side or rear property line if the structure is less than 100 square feet and up to 10 feet in height.
- May not be placed in the front yard or waterfront yards, and all other accessory structures need to meet principal structure setbacks and design requirements.
- Raised beds less than 24-inches in height may be placed anywhere on private property and must be setback at least 4-feet from the curb of the street or where there is no curb, the road edge.





ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

After learning the basics to getting started on your community or backyard garden, you can develop your skills further with some other programs the City offers. Take advantage of classes such as a Rainwater Guardian Workshop where you can learn about water conservation. You can even learn how to create your compost to enhance your soil with the City's Composting program at stpete.org/Composting. Mulch products are also available from the City's Brush Sites at stpete.org/Mulch.

Learn more about these programs and much more at stpete.org/Sustainability.



BEES & FOWL

Up to 10 fowl (chicken, turkey, duck, geese, and guinea fowl) can be kept at a residence in a securely fenced area. Noisy fowl, such as crowing roosters are not allowed. All coops must be kept 50 feet from neighboring residences unless there is written consent from the neighbor. Registered beekeepers with an apiary certification (F.S. ch. 586) may locate apiaries on any private property throughout the city.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

A community garden allows the growing, harvesting, and retail sales of edible fruits or vegetables or other plant products intended for consumption by neighboring residents and community members. Permitting and approval processes apply. The initial permit fee is \$50 and renewal is \$10 annually. All community gardens permits expire on September 30th of each year. More information about community gardens and the steps required to start a community garden can be found at stpete.org/UrbanAgriculture.

COMMERCIAL GARDENS & GREENHOUSES

Commercial gardens and greenhouses are now allowed within Industrial Zoning districts, subject to development and maintenance standards. Site and building plans are reviewed administratively, and a public hearing is no longer required.

For any questions, more information, or permitting inquiries, please contact the Development Review Services Team at DevRev@stpete.org.