

## Adopt-A-Garden Goals & Benefits

### What are the program goals?

To educate the members of the community on the basics of horticulture

To beautify the Township and empower its citizens

To encourage the adoption of existing garden areas on public property rather than the creation of new garden areas

To promote the use of plants that are appropriate for a particular site and not harmful to native ecology

### How do citizens benefit?

The individual, community or organization will benefit through an increased sense of ownership of your community and through the satisfaction of volunteering as well as making the Township more inviting.

Township of Tay

## Adopt A Garden Program

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# Come join the Adopt-a-Garden Program!!!

## What is the Adopt-a-Garden Program?

The adopt-a-garden program is a cooperative venture between the Township of Tay and its residents. This initiative is one way residents can enhance and preserve the gardens throughout the Municipality.

Through an agreement with the Township an individual, community or group assumes responsibility for assisting in the maintenance and upkeep of a garden located on Township property.

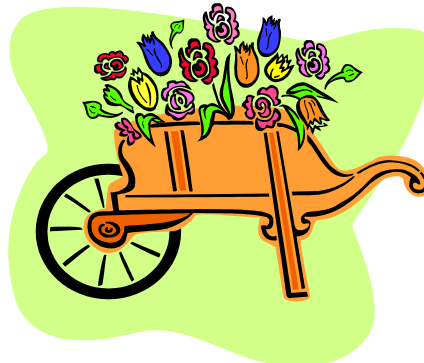
Participants who adopt a garden agree to maintain the garden from mid-April through to mid-October. In addition, they agree to provide all their own tools and labour required for the planting and maintenance of the adopted garden.

The program includes: parks, roads, streets, outlying areas and boulevards.

## What are participants asked to do?

Participants are asked to maintain the Township garden adopted and agree to do the following:

- Keep the garden weed-free
- Cut back & mulch the garden in appropriate seasons
- Keep free of litter and debris
- Deadhead flowering plants
- Remove and replace dead, damaged or diseased plants as necessary
- Plant perennials, if desired  
(no invasive plants)



## How do I apply to Adopt-A-Garden?

1. Complete the application which is available through the Township office or access a copy online at [www.tay.ca](http://www.tay.ca).
2. Visit the Township office and select a garden, noting your selection on the application.
3. Submit your application.

Staff will do a quick review of your application. If approved, an agreement will be sent to you or your group.

Once the agreement is finalized you or your group may start working!

## Will our efforts be recognized?

In order to acknowledge the efforts of the adoptee, a sign bearing the adopting group or individual's name will be placed in the garden.

# Adopt - A - Garden Program Application



Name of Individual/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

or

Name of Organization/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Garden (location): \_\_\_\_\_

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## For Office Use Only

- Application received \_\_\_\_\_
- Application reviewed and approved by Public Works \_\_\_\_\_

Personal information contained in this application is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk of the Township of Tay.