

# GARDEN GROUP Q & A

## **When are the garden plots available for use?**

Patrons may apply for the use of the garden plots through our application process. It is a commitment of 5 months (January – May or July – November). Applications are accepted 1-2 months before each 5 month term. Check the website for more information: <https://alhambralibrary.org/grow>

## **How do I make a raised garden bed like this at home?**

We used the following website for information on raised garden beds: [How to Build a Raised Garden Bed on Concrete, Patio, or Hard Surface ~ Homestead and Chill](#)

## **Where does the library obtain seeds used in the garden plots?**

We purchase seeds from [The Bulk Seed Store](#).

## **Where did the library purchase the garden beds?**

Costco: [Vita 8'X12' Keyhole Garden Bed](#)

## **Where did the library purchase the water sprayer?**

Amazon: [Scotts 190617 Lithium-ion Pump Zero Wheeled Sprayer, 3 Gallon](#)

Amazon: [Chapin 20004 1 Gallon Lawn and Garden Pump Pressured Sprayer](#)

## **How often should the plants be watered?**

Garden Group members should water the plants every other day, except for rainy days. If it is especially hot, watering every day is encouraged but be careful not to overwater the plants. Check the moisture in the soil with your finger and water accordingly.

**Is shade provided for the more delicate plants?**

The plants are exposed to the sunlight/shade that is normally encountered in the garden area. However, if deemed necessary shade cloth can be placed over garden beds during exceptionally hot weather.

**Can I keep the plants I grow?**

Yes, as a Garden Group Gardener, you may keep your plants. If you would like to share the fruits of your labor with the community, we have a Produce Exchange Station on the First Floor and a Plant Swap Station on the Second Floor.

**Can I enter the garden to take a closer look at the plants?**

Yes, you may enter if you are part of the Garden Group, but please remember to close the garden gate when you leave.

**I don't have room for a raised garden bed, but I would like to start a container garden, what can I do?**

Check out [this handout](#) to learn more about starting your own container garden.

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