

Sangamon County Department of Public Health Accepting Applications for New Community Garden

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health is now accepting applications for its new one-acre community garden located at the department's campus at 2833 South Grand Avenue East in Springfield.

The community garden is designed to provide residents with an affordable opportunity to grow fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers while promoting healthy living, community engagement, and gardening education during the growing season.

Individual 10-foot by 10-foot garden plots are available for \$10 per season. Participants will have access to fertile soil, water, and gardening hand tools provided on-site.

Complimentary seed kits and starter plants, including peppers, tomatoes, and eggplant, will also be available to early registrants while supplies last.

Garden plots may be used to grow approved vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Additional rules and participant responsibilities are outlined in the gardener agreement form.

Residents interested in participating may obtain an application by:

- Calling 217-321-2601
- Emailing john.ridley@sangamonil.gov
- Messaging the Sangamon County Department of Public Health on Facebook
- Visiting the Sangamon County Department of Public Health in person at 2833 South Grand Avenue East in Springfield

The Department of Public Health encourages residents of all experience levels to participate and help build a shared community space focused on fresh food, education, and neighborhood connection.