

Garden Award Recommendations

- Percentage of gardeners attending meetings
- Percentage of gardeners attending workdays
- Percentage of beds planted and maintained
- Pounds of produce donated

Gardens have various numbers of raised beds, row garden spaces, and number of gardeners tending those spaces. This is why referencing the percentage of gardeners and beds is important.

Average percentage of gardeners attending meetings

Number of gardeners that sign in for meeting divided by the total number of gardeners registered for that month multiplied by 100.

To get the annual percentage, add up all of the percentages and divide by 12. This is the score achieved for this metric.

Calculate the percentage of gardeners attending workdays in the same way.

To calculate the percentage of beds planted count each raised bed as one bed. To be counted as planted and maintained, the bed must be at least 50% full of edible plants and the weeds must be less prominent than the edible plants. Additionally, there must be less than 10% weeds surrounding the bed. Divide the number of planted and maintained beds by the total number of raised beds.

Should we include row garden spaces? A row garden plot is formally 10 ft x 10 ft but the dimensions vary at each garden. Count 100 square feet as one plot.

Pounds of produce donated and accounted for with a receipt from a food pantry or other non-profit. Gardeners may gift as much as they like to whomever they like as long as 10% is donated to a food pantry that provides a receipt with a weight on it.