



Urban Agriculture - Guide to Growing and Selling Produce

Urban agriculture has many benefits and contributes to our collective economic, social and environmental health. St Petersburg passed amendments to its urban agriculture ordinance in January 2021 to expand opportunities for the production and sale of produce.

Growing Produce in Your Yard

There are no restrictions on gardening on residential property providing that gardens are properly maintained and watered based on St. Petersburg watering restrictions. Edible landscaping may be planted in the public right-of-way (ROW) provided 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.

Home Produce Sales

Produce, value added products such as pickles and jams, and honeybee products produced by a registered beekeeper may be offered for sale on residential properties on Friday through Sunday during daylight hours, up to 36 times per calendar year.

Gardening Structures & Raised Beds

One gardening hoop house, cold frame, greenhouse, vertical vegetable structure or raised bed (over 24-inches in height), 100 square feet or less in size and up to ten feet in height may be placed no closer than 5-feet from a side or rear property line and is exempt from the requirement to utilize the architectural style and construction materials of the existing principal structure. These structures and raised beds 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 at setback at least 4-feet from the curb of the street or where there is no curb, the road edge.

For more information contact DevRev@StPete.org.

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, friends, owners, and the permittees of the owner.

LOCATION

Community gardens are allowed in all zoning districts as a principal use, subject to administrative approval. Community gardens which are accessory to a principal use, such as schools and houses of worship do not require an annual community garden permit but may require a separate approval. For more information, please contact our Development Review Services team, DevRev@StPete.org.

PRODUCE SALES

Retail sales are allowed in residential districts, Friday through Sunday during daylight hours, up to 36 times per calendar year. Off-site sales are allowed at Farmers Markets and on vacant commercial property with a Roadside Vending Permit. For more information, please contact DevRev@StPete.org.



PERMITTING PROCESS

A permit is required to establish a community garden on vacant property. A community garden permit expires on September 30 after the first season of produce production and may be renewed on an annual basis. The initial permit fee is \$50 and renewal is \$10 annually.

Commercial Gardens and 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.

Bees & Fowl

Up to 10 Fowl (Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, 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.



Rainwater Guardian Workshops

Learn how rainwater harvesting helps protect local waterways, and the how-tos of rain barrel setup, use and maintenance by visiting www.stpete.org/water/water_conservation/conservation_programs.php and registering for the next Rainwater Guardian Workshop. St. Petersburg utility customers may receive a rain barrel upon completion of workshop.

Mulch Products and Soil Builder

A variety of mulch products and soil builder, are available to city residents through the City's brush sites. Regular mulch may be picked up at any brush site for free or may be delivered for a nominal fee. Soil Builder is available through delivery only. View this [Mulch Product Order](#) form for information on each product, pricing and recommended application.



Residential Composting

The City of St. Petersburg has launched its first residential composting program. Residents in single-family homes are invited to sign up for the free program and minimize their environmental impact by turning kitchen and yard waste into usable, nutrient-rich fertilizer. Participants in the composting program will receive a composting bin from the City to use in their backyard while supplies last. There will be no collection service, but the resident will reap the benefits of the resulting nutrient-rich compost by spreading it on their lawn or garden. Visit www.stpete.org/sanitation/composting.php to get started.