

Gardening in the Air

A five-month impact survey using Qualtrics

***Responses (did not include all responses)**

What is one thing that you learned that will result in a change to how you garden in 2021? *

“The importance of using native and non-invasive species in my garden and landscape to provide better resources for wildlife.”

“Research plants before buying, putting in the yard.”

“To experiment a bit more and remove what is struggling. Also to plant more pollinator and wildlife friendly plants.”

“Growing vegetables will be new as I have only done flowers before.”

“Considering adding some native shrubs to the year.”

“I have already taken a photo of my apple tree, and marked what branches I am going to cut out, and prune.”

“How to work in my garden and have it be friendly to the wildlife.”

“There is a wide variety of non-invasive perennial grasses to choose from.”

“Overwatering can be a problem with many houseplants.”

“The variety of blooming houseplants and watering advice.”

“1. Will be adding native plants for a healthier environment for people, plants and wildlife
2. Will be more judicious about insect controls given that insects benefit the ecosystem - they are not necessarily enemies of gardeners
3. Consider wildlife as part of the urban environment”

“1. Plant native species to protect the environment to support wildlife in our area
2. Plant native grasses and shrubs to provide better habitats for people and wildlife
3. Be careful with insect and weed controls since insects and weeds are important to having a balanced and healthy ecosystem. Need to change attitude about plants that are considered weeds.
4. Buy local at responsible retailers”

Please list at least one thing from each session that you plan to implement in your gardening practices? *

“Try to persuade Condo Association to let some plants overwinter instead of cutting all back.”

“Plan to look for suggested trees and plants to use in my garden to benefit wildlife.”

“Look for native sedges and bushes. Be mindful of the integrity of the soil: compost, cut and drop, use leaves and don't overwork when preparing & planting.”

“Less fall cleanup to leave leaves etc for wintering animals and birds.”

“Native plants and trees benefit wildlife and also are sustainable during drought.”

“Grow plants adapted to the soil you have.”

“I was reminded of various factors contributing to distressed houseplants. It is remembering I may have to try a variety of interventions before finding the right solution.”

“Add more native plants. Mow less and increase landscape areas.”

“I now have a better idea of types of houseplants to purchase, as well as how better to care for them.”

“I took some of the houseplant classes and I learned some things about how to take care of them better.”

“I have a good list of native shrubs to choose from that will go in my yard this spring.”

“I learned how to prune my fruit trees and will have my husband watch the session online to help him prune our trees properly.”

“Planting more native plants (currently tearing out and replanting a garden).”

“More consistent fertilizer for my houseplants during the growing season. Pay attention to symptoms on my houseplants and then work to correct problems.”

“How to prune our fruit trees, how to figure growth rate on new trees.”