

GARDENING AS A HOME OCCUPATION

In Richfield:

- Community gardens are permitted as an accessory institutional use (school, church, park, etc.)
- No city code prohibits gardening/horticulture at residential property
- Selling or distributing food from a residence is prohibited (proposed amendment to clarify this)

Nearby cities have similar rules, permitting small and private gardens at residential properties without allowing sale/distribution from that property

Comparable Cities - Gardening

- **Minneapolis** permits [community gardens as a principal use](#) in all residential districts.
 - Permits [market gardens as a primary, commercial use](#), if they are under 10,000 sq ft, and conditionally if they are over 10,000 sq ft.
 - Market garden is defined as “An establishment where food or ornamental crops are grown on the ground, on a rooftop or inside a building, to be sold or donated.”
 - Community gardens are also permitted as [accessory uses](#), as are CSA (community-supported agriculture) pick-up sites and farmstands (for direct sales, max 15 times/year) during the growing season.
- **St Louis Park** lists “[Gardening and other horticultural uses](#)” as a permitted accessory use. Does not permit selling goods out of the home, allows indoor home occupations only.
- **Bloomington**, [prohibits all commercial agriculture](#) (except bees and indoor agriculture). Tiny community gardens that are limited to a maximum of 3 families are permitted if 30+ feet from residential property.

Comparable Cities - Gardening

- **Edina** permits [garden structures](#) (“Greenhouses, garden houses”) as accessory uses but does not permit [selling produce directly from your home](#).
- **Eagan** allows gardening as an accessory use, outside of the Agricultural district.
 - The sale of produce is not allowed on the premises.
 - Home occupations cannot be in any accessory building, evidence cannot be visible from the street, no over-the-counter sales. ([Section 11.70, Subd. 23](#))
 - (You might be able to have horses in your backyard and the City allows limited goat grazing!)
- **Hopkins** [prohibits home occupations](#) but permits “Gardening and other horticultural uses” as [accessory](#).

Summary of Proposed Changes to allow Gardening as a Home Occupation

- Clarify that agricultural or beekeeping activities are exempt from the fully-enclosed building rule, provided that they are maintained and that waste is appropriately disposed of.
- Prohibit the sale of produce from the home with addition of Subd.11, item *j*, following the rule about prohibition of the sale of honey from the home (Subd. 11, item *i*)
- No changes to rules allowing community gardens at properties with institutional uses (school, church, park).
- Distribution of produce allowed at properties with institutional uses (school, church, park), but not from the home