



Greening and Gardening Opportunities with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Lexington-Fayette County is taking action to ensure its fine heritage is preserved and has initiated many programs geared toward "Keeping the Bluegrass Green". Protecting and preserving our unique cultural landscape, amazing bluegrass beauty and fertile rich limestone soil farmland are the keys to the quality of life we enjoy. This area is great for growing Kentucky bluegrass and food producing crops in which we all have great pride.

- The Division of Environmental Policy Pilot Program allows community gardens planted on suitable flood mitigation properties owned by LFUCG. The Lexington Department of Environmental Quality Community Gardens Program provides gardening and greening opportunities for the physical and social benefit of the people and neighborhoods of Lexington.
- A community garden program through the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Department of General Services. Proposals for community gardens in parks owned by Urban County Government can be submitted to the Division of Parks and Recreation.
- Compost giveaway - Yard waste is recycled into mulch and a portion of it is available free on a first-come, first serve basis on the second and third Saturday in April, July, and October at the LFUCG Recycling Center.
- Recycled Herbie carts are converted into compost bins for backyard composting. Using compost made from organic material from your kitchen can reduce the need of water, fertilizers, and pesticides on your bushes, plants and garden. These bins are free on a first-come, first served basis at the same dates as the compost giveaway at the LFUCG Recycling Center.
- The Department of Environmental Quality offers yearly Neighborhood Community and Sustainability Grants for projects including community gardens, composting and other projects that are determined to improve the environmental health of the community and meet the principles of sustainability.
- The Division of Planning has greenway areas available for planting native plants and fruit/nut bearing trees.