



Gardener Survey Summary – 2018

Gardeners were asked to complete an online survey after the gardening season. Twenty-two surveys were completed. Responses were generally positive in regards to the basic management and functioning of the garden, as well as the overall gardening experience. Individual comments are below.

Generally Positive Responses	Generally Negative Responses & Suggestions for Improvement
You guys do a great job and I appreciate that you have plots for veggies for Crossroads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to trap more critters - We need a humane way to get rid of the critters, although they didn't seem to eat the roots crops which I had expected.
Continue to have social gatherings - I loved the "bring something you cooked from your garden" pot luck. That was so fun!	Drip system does not provide enough water
LOVED the classes offered this last year. presenters were great! Maybe some on site classes by gardeners who are successful at growing broccoli, garlic, etc. I work, so some after work gatherings at the garden? And some volunteer opps for working people. Minding that work weeks in the Summer are always weekends.	Need a compost bin
I think our garden is great and has fantastic people running it.	It was a real shame seeing how much produce was left to waste throughout the year. I watched all kinds of produce literally rot from week to week. If there is a way to prevent this wastefulness, I'd like to see it implemented.
Love the atmosphere, just love the peace I get there.	When you have volunteer days, offer more than one day so that people with busy schedules/kids etc. can still help- maybe offer a volunteer weekend; so people show up on Fri, Sat or Sun on the 1 weekend but can still make a difference.

Programs/Education- When asked what kind of educational opportunities would be most useful, gardener responses included:

- Building beds with cement blocks
- Insect & disease control
- Soil amendmets, milkweed for butterflies, best fruits for growing in Estes Park
- Irrigation systems

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- Cooperation with local schools
- Fall planting
- Refreshers on when to plant
- General advice for new gardeners
- What to start indoors, and when
- (General comment that education programs were frontloaded in the Spring; it would be good to continue them throughout the year for wider availability)

Specific Crops- Gardeners were asked to list which crops worked well for them during the growing season and which were not successful.

Successful Crops Listed by Gardeners	Unsuccessful Crops Listed by Gardeners
Sweet Peas	Tomatoes
Potatoes	Beans
Beets	Zucchini (disease)
Carrots	Squash (disease)
Strawberries	Kale (“took over,” suggests smaller varieties)
Sweet Corn	Mint
Onions	Cucumbers
Radishes	Corn
Beans	Arugula (aphids)
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Kale	Thyme
Arugula	Cilantro
Cilantro	Broccoli (small fruits)
Dill	Brussels Sprouts (slow and worms)
Parsley	Zucchini (disease)
Garlic	
Cherry Tomatoes	
Spinach	
Zucchini	
Sugar Pumpkins	
Turnips	
Thyme	
Baby Bok Choy	
Green Beans (Blue Lake Bush)	
Sugar Snap Peas	
Marigolds	

* See “List of Plants That Can Be Grown in Estes Park” at evcg.org/Resources