Burlington's Garden Contest

Join us for a town-wide event celebrating gardens!

First place winners in each category will win a 2020 - 21 membership to the Burlington Garden Club!

The contest is only for Burlington residents who are amateur gardeners. Residents may only enter one category. Any photos or images submitted will become Town of Burlington property. We may use these images for press or marketing purposes.
Depending on public health guidelines in place during the month of August, judging may happen in person, if it's possible to do so while following social distancing guidelines. We may also hold a video conference, or do a combination of both. If public health guidelines allow in-person judging, entrants should be prepared for an individual visit from a judge. They will view the garden wearing a face covering and maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet.

**CONTEST TIMELINE**
- Entry deadline: Friday, July 31 (applications close at 11:59 p.m.)
- Finalist notification: Friday, August 7
- Judges visit gardens: Week of August 17
- Virtual awards ceremony: Mid-September

**CATEGORIES**
- Porch, Balcony or Container Garden
- Flower Garden
- Vegetable/Herb Garden
- Senior Garden (Ages 60 and over)

**JUDGING CRITERIA**
When judging a garden, we’re paying attention to:
- general appeal and neatness
  - natural or formal layout
- use of color
- plant material
  - variety and quality of plants
- garden hardware and/or art

**CAN'T APPLY ONLINE?**
Print out and complete our Garden Contest application, and mail it to:

Burlington Garden Contest
Parks and Recreation Department
29 Center Street Town Hall
Burlington, MA 01803