



How To Get An Allotment Garden Plot In Singapore (Even Without A Backyard)

Description

If you have ever stood on your HDB balcony wondering whether three basil pots count as a garden, you are not alone. Getting an allotment garden plot in Singapore is more achievable than most people think, and NParks runs the whole scheme through a fairly simple online system. There are now more than 2,500 plots spread across 29 parks and gardens island-wide, so the odds are better than they used to be. Here is exactly how the scheme works, what a plot costs, and what to do while you wait for the next round.



Source: NParks / GardeningSG

What The Allotment Gardening Scheme Actually Gives You

Under NParks's Allotment Gardening Scheme, each household can apply and ballot for one garden plot at a time, at any single location. If you are successful, you get a raised planter bed measuring 2.5m by 1m, already filled with soil, plus a small storage area for your tools. You lease the plot for up to three years before you need to reapply. It is less "backyard farm" and more "your own little patch to fuss over on weekends", which suits Singapore's flat-dwelling reality just fine.

How Much Does It Cost

The current rate is \$65.40 a year, GST included, and this price is locked in for all application exercises held in 2026. That works out to roughly \$5.45 a month for a dedicated plot of land in a public park, which is not bad considering how little outdoor space most of us get at home. Compare that to a single tray of decent potting mix and a few nursery seedlings, and the plot practically pays for itself if you actually use it.

When Can You Apply For An Allotment Garden Plot In Singapore

The last application exercise ran in December 2025, and applicants were notified of their outcome by email from AXS. NParks has confirmed the next application exercise opens in the fourth quarter of 2026, with more details posted on the GardeningSG website closer to the date. If you have questions about a past application, AXS Customer Service can be reached at 6560 2727 between 8.30am and 6pm daily.

- Each household may apply for one plot at a time
- Applications are balloted, not first-come-first-served
- Successful applicants are notified by email, so check your junk folder too
- The next exercise opens in Q4 2026



Source: NParks / Community In Bloom

No Plot Yet? Join A Community Garden Instead

If the ballot does not go your way, or you would rather try gardening before committing to a lease, NParks's Community In Bloom programme is the more sociable option. It has been running since 2005 and now counts more than 2,000 registered community gardening groups and over 48,000 gardening enthusiasts across the island. These gardens turn up in HDB estates, private housing, schools and even rooftop spaces, and most groups are happy to have volunteers drop by. You do not need your own plot to get your hands dirty; you just need to find a group near you and ask.

Community gardens also come in more flavours than allotment plots. Some focus on edible crops for the household or the neighbourhood, some grow plants that support local wildlife, and others specialise in something specific like orchids or bonsai. If you are keen to start one from scratch, NParks provides a step-by-step guide, though you will still need a landowner's blessing and a Residents' Committee or similar body behind you.

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Tips If You Are New To This

A few basics make the difference between a thriving plot and a sad patch of yellowing leaves.

- Start with hardy tropical vegetables like kangkong, chye sim or okra before attempting anything fussier
- Visit your plot at least twice a week, since Singapore's heat and rain can undo a week of neglect quickly
- Chat with your plot neighbours; most allotment gardeners are generous with seeds, cuttings and advice
- Keep your storage area organised so tools do not grow mouldy in our humidity

If you are also trying to make more of a small BTO flat while you wait for your plot, our guide to [IKEA Singapore's new arrivals that actually work in a small BTO flat](#) is a good companion read. Between a proper storage system indoors and a plot outdoors, you get the best of both without needing a landed property.

Is It Worth It

For \$65.40 a year, an allotment garden plot in Singapore is one of the cheapest ways to get real outdoor space without moving house. It will not replace a garden at a landed property, and yes, you are sharing the park with other gardeners, but for the price of a few hawker meals a month, that is a fair trade. Sign up for GardeningSG's updates now so you do not miss the Q4 2026 window, especially if your household has been eyeing a plot for a while.

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