



My Garden Affiliate Site Program

A program for home gardens and landscapes

All of us here at the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum (NSA) are pleased that you are interested in joining us as a My Garden Affiliate. Becoming a new affiliate is quite simple, all you need to do is read through the information provided here, then complete and return the application with the requested attachments. We look forward to receiving your application!

About the Program

The My Garden Affiliate level is designed for home gardeners seeking to use their private gardens to create a more resilient environment. The goal of the program is to allow you to share the hard work you've done to create a garden that supports wildlife, minimizes negative environmental impacts, and makes you want to spend more time in your outdoor spaces. My Garden Affiliates are private, home gardens. If you operate a public garden or want your private acreage to be an affiliate, please apply for one of our other affiliate levels: Landscape Steward Affiliate and Accredited Arboretum Affiliate.

Benefits of the Program

The benefits to those who become a My Garden Affiliate are:

- A yard sign indicating your affiliate status
- Access to a quarterly email newsletter with the latest seasonal gardening tips
- Access to an annual virtual meeting with our gardening experts
- Invitations to show off your garden in community garden tours
- Opportunity to purchase metal affiliate signage

The best benefit of the program, however, is the statewide network of Nebraskans using gardening to be better stewards of the landscape.

Becoming an Affiliate and Retaining Affiliation

The first step to becoming a My Garden Affiliate is to complete and return the application along with any required attachments. NSA staff will review your application and reach out if they have any questions. If your garden is found to meet the criteria of the program you will be sent the final affiliate paperwork: a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and an invoice for the affiliate dues (currently \$45). Once your garden has been recognized as a My Garden Affiliate, retaining your affiliate requires an annual signed MOU and payment of annual affiliation dues (MOU and invoices are sent in September-October). You will be provided with a new yard sign each year.

