172-178 Fairmount Ave

What is Adopt-a-Lot?

The Adopt-a-Lot Program, founded in 2004, allows Newark residents to transform empty, vacant lots into beautiful community gardens and create educational and recreational havens. There are currently over 80 rented properties located in all five wards where individuals are growing fresh flowers and organic produce. This program not only benefits the renter but also benefits the entire neighborhood by providing a healthy communal space rich in environmental education.

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Ujimaa Garden 295 Morris Ave

Membership

- Any Newark resident, business, neighbor, block association, or non-profit can participate.
- Vacant lots found in all five wards can be rented for $1.00 per calendar year.
- Visit our website: www.planning.ci.newark.nj.us/reclaiming-vacant-lots/adopt-a-lot
- Contact:
  Nichole Jones
  (973) 733-5911
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  Department of Property Management
  920 Broad Street, Room 421
  Newark, NJ 07102

69 Norwood St

444-446 South 13th St

Program Benefits

Why Get Involved?

- Increases property value
- Improves appearance of the neighborhood and discourages littering
- Provides community with a healthy recreational space
- Emphasizes the importance of sustainable living

Guidelines Include:

- Lots must be utilized under the premise of community gardening and beautifying the space
- Can grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other foliage plants
- No livestock allowed
- Other restrictions apply

Resources

- Greater Newark Conservancy's *Plot it Fresh* program provide resources, expertise, soil, seeds, and other gardening materials (www.citybloom.org)
- Newark DIG (www.newarkdig.org)
- Rutgers Urban Gardening Program (essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/ug)

Members of GNC's *Clean & Green Project* help clean and prepare vacant lots for adoption