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Show off your garden with Communities in Bloom

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is inviting residents to submit photos of their gardens for Communities in Bloom for a chance to be featured in the digital book and online photo gallery. This year's theme is *The Year of the Garden*. Residents are encouraged to plant red floral displays to show off their Canadian spirit, but all colours are welcome.

To register your beautification efforts, submit a photo of your flowers along with the [registration form](#) online or via mail/e-mail by July 6, 2022. There is also the Little Bloomers portion of Communities in Bloom for youth aged 6–14 to get involved and share photos of their flowers, container projects, vegetable gardens, window art or other art projects.

National CIB judges will be touring Barrie from July 26 and 27 to evaluate the accomplishments of the entire community (municipal, corporate and individual citizens) on the following criteria: Plant and Floral displays, Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, and Landscape.

In 2019, the City received a *5 Blooms – Silver* rating and a special mention for the Tall Trees Park Forestry Education Initiative. The judge's tour was cancelled in 2020 & 2021 due to the pandemic.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement with a focus on enhancing green spaces.

Visit barrie.ca/CommunitiesInBloom for more information.

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