

Lunchbox Series

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Lunchbox Series Session: Front Yard Gardens

Tuesday, May 18, Noon to 1 pm

During the session, participants asked for more information on various topics. Following are some responses and links you might find useful.

Greenhouses and Cold Frames

Structures such as greenhouses and hoop houses are viewed as accessory structures. If they are less than 10 m² and can meet all the requirements listed below, no permits are required. However, if they cannot meet those requirements, or are larger than 10 m², then they will need to [apply for an "Accessory Structures" permit](#).

- The structure shall not exceed 4.3 m in Height
- The structure shall be located as follows:
 - a. shall be located not less than 18.0 m from the Front Lot Line
 - b. shall be located not less than 0.9 m from the interior Side Lot Line
 - c. shall be located not less than 0.9 m from any other Accessory building or structure (pergolas, sheds, etc.);
 - d. an accessory building or structure which exceeds 1.85 m in height shall be located at not less than 0.6 m from the Rear Lot Line;

If the proposed structure is located within 0.9 m (3 feet) of your home, it will be considered as an "addition" in which case the homeowner will need to [apply for a permit](#).

If you have further questions about zoning regulations or setbacks, email developmentpermits@edmonton.ca as they are best able to answer questions.

More Information about Food Gardens

- On this site, you can find numerous resources, including the guide referenced during the session, [Guide to Growing School Gardens in Alberta](#)
- Ratio of compost to soil, explore [this site](#) for tips.
- Not specifically about Food Forests, but keep an eye on [Roots for Trees](#) for events.
- Enter your postal code in the [planting calendar](#).

Websites and Social Media to Follow

City of Edmonton

- edmonton.ca/veginstead
- changeforclimate.ca
- Facebook & Twitter: @yegclimate

Edmonton Food Council

- edmontonfoodcouncil.org/veginstead
- Twitter: @yegfoodcouncil