

City of Sterling



CLEAN AND
GREEN

Adopt a Planter 2014

MISSION

The objective of this program is to continue with enthusiasm the commitment to beautify and protect our City planters' appearance for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone. The planter boxes need regular care in the form of cleaning up garbage, planting flowers, removing noxious weeds and watering. Groups and individuals who adopt these responsibilities for a particular planter will greatly enhance the appearance of our City of Sterling, thereby boosting community pride and encouraging visitors to our community. Those adopting a planter agree to maintain the planter throughout the summer or growing season.



WHO CAN ADOPT?

Our volunteers demonstrate to visitors and residents alike that we care about our City and the way it looks. Volunteers are a vital part of our Clean and Green program, and they do make a difference.

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Adopt a Planter Program

The City of Sterling established this program and is asking for your help to improve our community aesthetics. Individuals and/or organizations can adopt a designated planter to assist the City in maintaining our community aesthetics.



Through the Program, individuals and/or organizations will adopt planters in the downtown area and make a commitment to maintain the planters and beds. You may choose a planter or we can assist you in finding a location that you could adopt.

This program is in conjunction with the City's annual Clean and Green program, in which volunteers and City staff clean up downtown planters and the Grandon Civic Center at Central Park in order to plant new flowers and replace struggling plants.

LOCATION OF PLANTER BEDS

The City of Sterling has about 73 beds available at the following locations:

Box Location	Location Details		# Boxes
2nd Avenue	between 2nd and 3rd Streets	East Side	4 boxes
		Center	block-length
		West Side	4 boxes
2nd Avenue	between 3rd and 4th Streets	East Side	4 boxes
		Center	block-length
		West Side	4 boxes
1st Avenue	between 2nd and 3rd Streets	East Side	5 boxes
		West Side	4 boxes
		between 3rd and 4th Streets	East Side
		West Side	6 boxes
		4th Street	between Locust & 1st Ave
Locust Street	between 2nd and 3rd Streets	East Side	6 boxes
		West Side	2 boxes
	between 3rd and 4th Streets	East Side	9 boxes
		West Side	1 box
	between 4th and 5th Streets	East Side	5 boxes
		3rd Street	between Locust & 1st Ave

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?



It is your responsibility as an adopter to care for your planter box. This care includes weeding the adopted planter, cleaning up garbage and litter around the adopted planter, **watering the planter at least three times a week and more during the extreme summer heat**, and then removing green waste such as leaves and weeds.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.....

Please contact the City of Sterling. The contact information is provided in this brochure.

RECOGNITION/BENEFITS

- Official certificate of adoption signed by the Mayor of Sterling
- Your name, logo/photo and links on the City's Clean and Green webpage
- Recognition in relevant media communications and events
- Satisfaction of improving the aesthetics of our community

WHO CAN ADOPT?

- Individuals
- Families
- Neighborhood associations
- Churches
- School groups
- Businesses
- Community organizations
- ANYONE!