



Welcome Host!

Thank you for signing on to host a Natural Garden Party workshop. This package contains some handy resources to help your workshop run more smoothly:

- 1 Tips for Hosting a Natural Garden Party
2. Invitations for your neighbours and friends

Natural Garden Parties gives North Shore residents the opportunity to participate in an NSRP workshop right in their own home (or backyard). It's a fun way to learn about natural gardening, and the informal workshop format gets the conversation going among friends and neighbours.

Hosting a Natural Garden Party

The key to a successful Natural Garden Party workshop is the Host. The Host promotes the workshop, encourages friends and neighbours to attend and is the point of contact for the NSRP. On workshop day, the host provides a fun, casual location for the workshop, and provides refreshments for guests (or not - it's entirely up to you!). Hosting is easy and a lot of fun!

Garden Party Kits

NSRP staff will drop off a garden party kit the day before your workshop (or will send one with the speaker). The kit contains free pamphlets and resources for your guests, ballots for the door prizes, and garden gift for the Host.

Garden Party Day

Your guests arrive, along with the invited speaker, on the day of the party. Remember to have everyone fill out ballots for the door prize. You can use a hat or box to collect the ballots, and ask your invited speaker to draw the winners at the end of the talk. The speaker will present for about one hour, followed by another hour of questions and discussion. If you'd like, this could include a tour of your garden to highlight some issues you might like information about. Questions? Call us!

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Tips for Hosting

To encourage your friends and neighbours to attend and to make your workshop a success, try some of these helpful tips.

- 1. Invite your neighbours** - Visit neighbours door-to-door to explain the program. (Don't forget to mention that guests have a chance to win great door prizes, or that refreshments will be provided!)
- 2. Invite your friends** - Call or email friends inviting them to the party.
- 3. Recruit some help** - Ask a friend or neighbour to help you promote the workshop.
- 4. Keep notes** - Use the reverse side of our package papers (like this one!) to keep notes so that you can get the names and telephone numbers or emails of your neighbours. You can also jot down any other important notes (take this with you if you go door-to-door).
- 5. Party preparation** - It's a good idea to provide some yummy snacks or refreshments. Past hosts have provided coffee and cookies, or wine and cheese - some even turn it into a potluck block party!
It's entirely up to you.
- 6. Friendly reminders** - Call or email guests the day before the workshop to remind them and confirm that they'll be attending the party.
- 7. Don't hesitate to call** - Call us if you need any advice or help - you and your guests can also call should any of you have follow-up questions after the workshop.

Most important - Have fun! We hope you enjoy this new program. If you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better, please let us know. Call us at **604.984.9730** or email Liz Leboe, the NSRP's Community Programs Coordinator, at **leboee@dnv.org** with any suggestions or comments.

Enjoy!!

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