



ADOPT-A-PLANTER PROGRAM

The City of Wharton's Beautification Commission encourages public involvement in the enhancement of community parks and facilities. The Adopt-a-Planter program is a volunteer-based activity where area volunteer groups "adopt" and maintain designated planters in Wharton.

Program Guidelines

- The flowerbed or planter should be adopted for one complete growing season (January-June & July-December)
- Adopters may either be an individual or a group, however groups must identify one person to be the contact with the Beautification Commission's liaison
- Planting is restricted to only those areas identified by the Beautification Commission as Adopt-a-Flowerbed locations
- Sign up is on a first come, first served basis

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Remove and dispose of litter and weeds
- Provide own hand tools for area maintenance
- Notify Park liaison of problems or concerns
- Visit the site frequently to ensure good health of plant material (suggested bi-weekly)
- Install mulch/soil when needed
- Winter/Spring preparation of beds
- At this time, signs at planters are not included in volunteer responsibilities, but are optional with prior approval from the City

Beautification Commission Responsibilities

- Monitor and adjust water requirements
- Acknowledge the adoption through signage placed by the flowerbed or planter and/or provide signage of dedication if the adopter so desires
- If at any time the Beautification Commission liaison deems the flowerbed or planter to be unsightly, contact will be made with the individual adopter or adopter team lead

Available Planters

- Airport Sign Planter (*714 Robert Vonderau Rd, Wharton, TX 77488*)
- Tiger Stadium 'Welcome' Sign Planter (*1929 E Boling Hwy, Wharton, TX, 77488*)
- Wharton County Museum 'Welcome' Sign Planter (*3615 N Richmond Rd, Wharton, TX 77488*)
- Historic Downtown Wharton Planters (*16 total – scattered around historic downtown area*)
- Riverfront Park Deck Entrance Planters (*925-999 E Elm St, Wharton, TX 77488*)
- Santa Fe Trail - East Entrance Planters (*B-59/Hwy 60 at W. 3rd St, Wharton, TX, 77488*)



ADOPT-A-PLANTER APPLICATION

Adopt-a-Planter is an effort to encourage community involvement in the enhancement of public parks and facilities. This program is a volunteer-based activity where area volunteer groups “adopt” a planter/flowerbed within the City of Wharton. The adoptive group is responsible for maintaining the selected planter with direction and oversight from the Beautification Commission. Please contact the City of Wharton Beautification Commission Liaison with questions or to schedule an initial on-site meeting and to go over maintenance needs and frequency requirements.

Date: _____ Name of Individual, Business, or Group Leader: _____

Name of group: _____

Location Choice: _____

Adoption Period: _____ to _____ (minimum 6 months – Jan-June or July-December)

- I have read the guidelines and agree to perform the duties listed under the volunteer’s responsibilities section. Responsibilities including weeding, dead-heading, and general aesthetic maintenance of flowerbed. (See guidelines for a complete list of responsibilities)
- I have read the Beautification Commission’s Volunteer Release of Liability form and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the waiver.

It is the intent of this agreement to provide quality, attractive planters to enhance the beauty of our community. If at any time the Beautification Commission or liaison deems the planter or flowerbed is unsightly, contact will be made with the individual adopter or group team leader. Any time you need assistance or have problems meeting the maintenance schedule, please call the Beautification Commission liaison at the City of Wharton for support at 979-532-2491 x239. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort and in adopting a Wharton planter!

Signature of Volunteer/Sponsor

Phone(s)

Address

Email Address

THIS PLANTER HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY:

Wording on Sign (*recognizing individual/group, 22 characters or less*)

Please send completed forms by e-mail to khasselmeier@cityofwharton.com
or drop off in person at City Hall (120 E Caney, Wharton, TX, 77488).

Donations for the purchase of flowers, soil, or other supplies are welcomed!