How to Play

The Passport Challenge will run from

April 5th - August 31st

Participants can complete the activities as an individual or a group and all participants will be eligible for a finisher prize. When you complete an activity you can get a stamp from any participating organization. Get fifteen stamps to complete the challenge or go the distance and complete them all! Show your completed passport at the Anchorage Museum or the Alaska Botanical Garden by the end date to be entered into the grand prize drawing.
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Help Out in the Learning Garden
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Anchorage Public Library is home to books, movies, activity kits and so much more! Our mission is to connect people to education, information, and community through our collection, programs, and services. Visit the Learning Garden at the Mountain View Library and the Seed Libraries at Girdwood and Mountain View libraries or participate in our summer Growing Together programs to learn more about gardening. Stamps will be available at the libraries during Growing Together program sessions only.
Attend a First Friday Open House

Explore the Urban Harvest Workshop Series

Sign Up for the Tool Library

The Anchorage Museum seeks to connect residents and visitors with the history, culture and wonders of Alaska. Explore exhibits, special events, and the Urban Harvest series, which teaches traditional skills for modern sustainable living.
The Alaska Botanical Garden’s mission is to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska’s gardens and natural areas through science, education, and recreation using organic and sustainable practices. Visit the gardens, explore seasonal workshops, and view installations by talented local artists in residence.
After making a return in 2021, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District works together with the anchorage community to resolve local issues including aggressive invasive plants, the lack of green infrastructure, and a lack of support for urban agriculture in Anchorage. The SWCD mission is ‘Helping people care for our forests, land, and water’ and they strive to find science-based solutions to natural resource related problems within our District by working collaboratively with landowners, agencies, and other organizations to identify funding and other resources to direct toward these problems.
Anchor Gardens is a community group based in encouraging neighbors to connect through gardening and growth. Access gardening resources and materials at neighborhood depots, connect with community coaches, and learn new skills by attending member and partner lead workshops.

Learn More and Register at https://anchorgardens.org/join/
SWS is committed to environmental stewardship, maintaining affordable rates, safeguarding municipal assets, fostering a secure and pleasant work environment, and delivering top-tier customer service. As an enterprise utility of the Municipality of Anchorage, they are self-funded through rate payors for curbside collection services, and disposal fees. SWS operates the Anchorage Regional Landfill, Central Transfer Station, and the Girdwood Transfer Station.
Yarducopia is a program of the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) that promotes safe gardening practices through a model system for organic, regenerative, and community-based gardening. Yarducopia works directly with members of the Anchorage community to support organic gardening & reconnect people with their food. We coordinate the Midtown Garden Depot, Midtown and Spenard Community Gardens, and a variety of community-scale composting projects around Anchorage.

Visit the Midtown Garden Depot and explore the free resources available.

Drop off pesticide-free yard debris and kitchen food scraps at the community compost pile.

Drop off unused gardening supplies at the Midtown Garden Depot.

Yarducopia.org
Visit Our Office and pick up a 'Selected Invasive Plants of Alaska' booklet

Make an appointment and have your canner gauge tested

Sign up for the Anchorage CES newsletter on our website
https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/anchorage/

UAF’s Extension is part of the largest informal education system in the world, connecting Extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities in every U.S. territory and state. Extension offers hundreds of publications, written and produced by university specialists, which contain practical information of interest to Alaska residents. Many publications are free and available online. Major program areas include: agriculture and horticulture; health, home and family development; natural resources and community development; 4-H and youth development.
GENERAL CHALLENGES

Go on a Garden Tour
Anchor Gardens, Yarducopia, Alaska Botanical Garden

Plant Some Seeds
Anchor Gardens, Anchorage Public Library, UAF Cooperative Extension

Learn about recycling and composting.
Anchor Gardens, MOA Solid Waste Services, UAF Cooperative Extension

Learn About Nature
Anchorage Public Library, Alaska Botanical Garden, UAF Cooperative Extension

Take a Walk in a Park
https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/default.aspx

Explore a Community Garden
https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/communitygardens.aspx

Visit a Farmers Market
https://www.anchorage.net/blog/post/anchorage-farmers-market-guide/