



NOVICE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Welcome! We are thrilled to have your community joining us in the Communities in Bloom Alberta Program!

As a Novice Community you may find there is a lot of information to absorb! We are here to help you.

Features of the Novice Program

- A visit from CiB Evaluation Team members, for an assessment based on the six evaluation categories (*Environmental Action, Community Appearance, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape, and Plant & Floral Displays*).
- A written summary, as well as comments and suggestions, from the CiB Evaluation Team.
- No Community Profile required. The Team will discuss the concept and how to get started on a Community Profile for your community if you are interested – this is not a mandatory element of evaluation.
- Your Evaluation Team will discuss how to design a *Tour* for the next year.
- No pressure! Our Team is coming to see your community, celebrate your successes and identify things you can do going forward.

Communities in Bloom is about Growing Great Places Together!

As a Novice Community, you should be prepared to:

- Tour the Evaluation Team around your community in the morning (2-3 hrs.). Show off your accomplishments, areas you would like ideas about, anything that says “*This is our community!*”
- Host two Team members overnight (if required – discuss this with your Evaluation Team Lead when they make contact).
- Feed and water your Evaluation Team.
- Organize a wrap-up meeting before the Evaluation Team departs for the day.

Your Evaluation Team Lead will connect with you ahead of time – ensuring you have the information you need and the arrangements for lodging, feeding, etc. are taken care of!

Enjoy your Evaluation Day! Have fun, relax and learn!

Please feel free to send any questions to Sharon @ sharon@cibalberta.ca 😊

