

Communities in Bloom

2018 Registration Form



Communities in Bloom Alberta is now accepting registrations for the 2018 Provincial program. **Please submit the application form before March 31, 2018.**

Communities may participate in one of three categories:

Competitive:

- Communities are grouped according to population size and evaluated by trained volunteer judges using a standard evaluation form.
- The winning community in each population category is determined by the highest score and bloom rating, and has the opportunity to advance to national competition.

Friends (Non-Competitive):

- The Friends category is a way for communities to participate without the pressure of competition
- Communities are not grouped according to population size and no winner is declared
- Communities can choose to participate as Evaluated Friends (receive judges' visit and receive a bloom achievement) or Non-Evaluated Friends (not visited by the judges, no bloom rating, recognized for participation only).
- Communities who choose to participate without an evaluation are required to be evaluated at least once every three years.

Novice (Non-Competitive):

For brand new CiB communities or for those that haven't participated since 2014

- CiB judges will visit your community and do a non-competitive, mini-assessment of your best three criteria (e.g., Floral Displays, Tidiness, Environmental Action, etc.) – you choose!
- Custom-tailored Workshop provided in the afternoon of evaluation day.
- Intention for the Novice category is for the community to participate competitively or as an Evaluated Friend in 2018. Communities are not permitted to remain in the Novice category for more than one consecutive year.

Please visit our website at cib.arpaonline.ca for more information about participation categories.

The benefits of participating in the program are:

- Increase your community's provincial and national visibility,
- Watch as citizens, groups, organizations, businesses and municipal governments mobilize and work together.
- Receive ideas on ways to boost civic pride, community involvement and quality of life,
- Increase the potential for economic development, population growth, regional partnerships and sustainable tourism.
- Impact the cleanliness, safety and attractiveness of your living, work and play environments.

Communities should be prepared for a day-long evaluation (including lunch) to take place during July or August.

Communities being evaluated must provide lodging for one night for two judges (billeting is acceptable).

