



CITY OF SASKATOON SEASONAL PLANTER PROGRAM



The planters add a lot of beauty to our streets and I really enjoy the variety and design of the plantings.
- Marilyn Gould, Saskatoon Resident

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The addition of seasonal planters creates a portable landscape that provides instant colour in our public spaces. Planters are placed throughout the Downtown, Riversdale, Broadway and Sutherland Business Improvement Districts (BID's) and River Landing, to enhance their public spaces. Today, the City of Saskatoon Planning and Development Division partners with the Parks Division, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division, Saskatoon Transit and four BID's to coordinate and implement the program between the end of May and mid-September, weather permitting.



The program has grown and evolved over the years with improvements in efficiency, quality and quantity. There are currently over 700 pots in inventory. Locations are chosen based on several criteria including preference to visually appealing locations that offer high pedestrian traffic while avoiding obstacles and challenges. Maintenance staff must be able to water the flowers safely and efficiently by water truck, utility vehicle or with a water hose on a reel.



The first planters were an oak barrel style, however these planters endured a lot of wear and tear from transport on and off site and soon began leaking too much. Today there are two styles of planters that are used. A more durable, custom designed, black polyethylene planter was introduced in 2002 and a new planter was introduced and tested in 2012. The black planters require flowers to be watered on average 2 or 3 times a week, while the newer planters have a large reservoir that can hold up to 125 L of water. The new planters require less frequent watering as they are filled every two weeks, however they have a slightly limited variety of plants that can be planted in them.

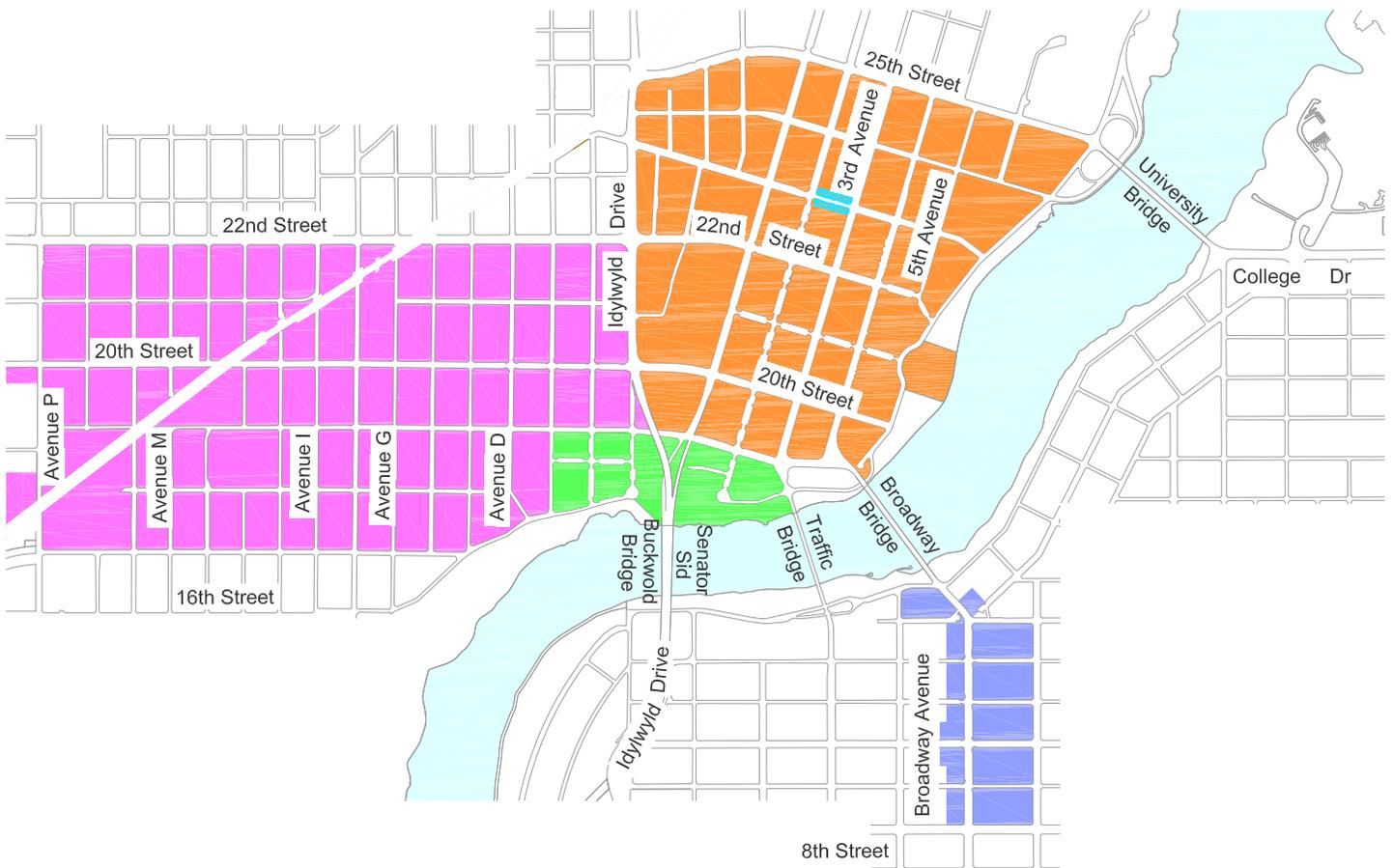
Location maps and planter combinations are prepared during the off season. In late May, installation crews drop off the planters, with a planting crew and watering crew following shortly behind. Plants are grown from both rooted plant plugs and seed in the Parks Division greenhouse, and are chosen for disease and pest resistance, low maintenance, continuous colour and ability to withstand severe climatic conditions. Plants are maintained and watered throughout the season by Parks staff, BID ambassadors or BID contractors. Overall, the seasonal planter program is widely loved by the community and continues to receive praise from residents and visitors alike.



SEASONAL PLANTER LOCATIONS MAP

LEGEND:

-  Broadway BID
-  Riversdale BID
-  Partnership BID
-  River Landing BID
-  Sutherland BID
-  Transit Terminal



“I look forward to the extended beauty in our area!”
- Veronica Tucker, Riversdale Business Owner

“On behalf of the members here within the Sutherland Business Improvement District, I wanted to extend our thanks to you and your colleagues for doing a wonderful job this year managing the flower pot program on Central Avenue. Throughout the course of the summer, we’ve received many compliments not only from our members, but residents alike. Such small efforts go a long way to improving our community and they do not go unnoticed by residents and business owners.”

- Sheldon Wasylenko, Chair of the Sutherland Business Improvement District



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