



# CITY OF JANESVILLE

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## Kindness Rock Garden Adoption Program

### **General Information**

The City of Janesville-Recreation Division would like to establish several community Kindness Rock Gardens in various parks, trails, or other public spaces. The concept of a Kindness Rock Garden is simple: Take a rock for motivation; Leave a rock for inspiration; or simply help add to the garden for others to enjoy the feeling of community and positive messages. The Kindness Rock Garden Adoption Program is inspired by the "Kindness Rocks Project"™. We are in need of organizations, scout groups, schools, businesses, families, or individuals to adopt a kindness rock garden. [Here is the application](#) for adopting a kindness rock garden.

### **Expectations & Guidelines for Adopters:**

1. Assist the Recreation Division in determining a suitable location. Actual garden size will depend on the location.
2. Find and/or purchase rocks for the garden. Rocks are best when smooth and flat. It is suggested to have a minimum of 50 rocks in the garden to begin with.
3. Paint, decorate and put a message on each rock. It is suggested to use acrylic paint, paint pens, or sharpies and to seal the rocks after they are completely dried to ensure they can withstand the outdoor environment.
4. Create the garden in the pre-determined location. Gardens are encouraged to have a sign explaining the concept and the Adopter Name is allowed to be on sign.
5. Take a picture of the garden and send to the Recreation Division on our Facebook page "Janesville Parks and Recreation" or via email to [recreationmail@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:recreationmail@ci.janesville.wi.us). We will share on our Facebook page and put information on our website. We ask that you promote the garden on your organization, business or personal social media pages initially and periodically. Bonus points if you send us a picture of your organization, group, family or self near the rock garden of showing off a specific rock.
6. Periodically check the garden for rocks and appropriateness of rocks.
7. It is desired that adopters commit to one full year of maintaining the Kindness Rock Garden. After the year, we will confirm with you if you want to continue or if you would like us to seek out a new adopting organization/group or individual.
8. The Recreation Division reserves the right to place a general sign in each garden with program specific information and the City of Janesville logo.

Contact the City of Janesville-Recreation Division for more information at 755-3030.