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For the first time since it was inception in 1992, the Medicine Hat & District Horticultural Association regrets to announce that its very popular Medicine Hat summer even—the 2020 Annual Garden Tour scheduled for July 19, 2020—is officially cancelled.

Due to Covid -19 restrictions, we cannot guarantee social distancing and crowd size at many of the gardens tentatively lined up for this year's tour, since the tour is self-guided tour with patrons visiting gardens in a random order. As well, some of the yards do not have separate entrances and exits to ease flow of traffic. With most social events this summer in Medicine Hat being cancelled, and so many people out of work, in good conscience, we felt that we did not want to take advantage of people struggling financially as the garden tour was our main fundraiser.

With many people at home over the past two months, yards and gardens are looking more beautiful than ever. We encourage you to drive around Medicine Hat and enjoy all the beautiful front yards and "imagine" what the back yard looks like. In the meantime, we can't wait to present Annual Garden Tour 2021.

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