

## **Now, it is time to get our environmental certificate!!**

Working for a better environment and protecting biodiversity is one of Årstablomman's values. We work systematically to strengthen our members' knowledge about how we can use nature's resources more efficiently, minimize our environmental impact and promote nature and biodiversity. We have been granted money from the Allotment garden association to get an environmental certificate in 2021!

Do you want to be part of the team? Contact us at [info@arstablomman.se](mailto:info@arstablomman.se) !!

*To get an environmental certificate means that:*

- We use natural fertilizers and compost from your own garden to get a living and fertile soil. You can cover the soil with grass, straw, leaves and green manure. All this provides nutrition, retains moisture and prevents invasion by weeds.
- We have a crop rotation in the garden.
- Our work benefits plants and animals and supports biodiversity. This can be achieved by building insect hotels, birdhouses and birdbaths, and using dead wood and stones.
- We reuse greywater and choose more efficient and better irrigation systems - avoid water sprayers!
- We use eco-labeled products with low environmental impact, and avoid impregnated wood or plastic paints. We use hand-powered or electric lawnmowers and coordinate, share and buy together organic fertilizers, etc. to minimize the environmental cost of transportation.

If you want to know more about environmental certification (in Swedish):

<https://kolonitradgardsforbundet.se/miljodiplomering/>