

Community Garden Plot Guidelines



PLOT SIZE is 40' X 20'.

All plots must be planted by May 31 and be cleared by October 31.

Preparation of the garden plots is highly dependent on the weather.

The Crystal Lake Park District will cultivate the soil

in the spring. You may rototill your plot for a finer soil. Each plot will be staked off and numbered. Do not remove stakes or numbers. You will be contacted via email when the plots are ready.

PLOT SETUP and DESIGN cannot infringe on neighboring plots. Fences around plots are allowed, no higher than one foot. Due to state regulation, no chemical based pesticides are allowed in the garden plots. No manure of any kind can be used in your garden plot. Out of respect for fellow gardeners, we recommend the use of organic products in the soil. If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the registrar so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. Participants plant at their own risk. The Park District is not responsible for theft, damage, vandalism or other acts of destruction or loss. **Please contact the Administrative Office if you cannot plant by May 31. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by mid-June, the plot will be mowed and made available for rental. There are no refunds on plot fees.**

WEEKLY WEEDING IS REQUIRED. Failure to maintain your garden plot may result in losing your plot. Do not allow plots to become overgrown. Place pulled weeds in the designated compost area. Do not toss weeds in to an adjacent plot. All weeds need to be removed up to the **grass line**. If weeds become overgrown (over 1 foot) or are growing into another plot, the Park District reserves the right to cut down your entire plot.



TRASH must be picked up from your plot. Trash barrels are located throughout the garden plots. Barrels are to be used for trash only, **not plant material**. **Plant waste** can be discarded in the marked compost area. **Rocks** can be placed in the blue buckets with holes in the bottom, either in the corner of your plot or next to the garbage barrels. **DO NOT** put rocks in garbage barrels.

WATER is available on site but must be hand-carried to your plot. Do not keep Park District provided wagons and donated buckets. These are provided for all to use, please return them when finished. There is no garden hose hook-ups from the water source allowed. All standing water containers left in your plot must be covered at all times.

PARKING is not allowed on driving paths. Do not block pathways. The paths should be used to drop off supplies at your plot. If there is excessive rain fall, do not drive on gravel paths as it creates ruts in the pathways.

CHILDREN AND PETS are not allowed to run through the garden plots. Dogs must be leashed and kept out of other gardener's plots. Cleaning up after your dog is required.

ALCOHOL is not allowed in garden plots.

VIOLATION of any Crystal Lake Park District ordinances or park regulations may result in a fine, impoundment of equipment and forfeiture of your garden plot. Plot owners will be notified immediately regarding any violations and will be given one week to correct the violation. Please contact Park District office if any violations of these guidelines or Crystal Lake Park District ordinances are observed.

**Thank you for
treating your fellow
gardeners with respect.
Enjoy your gardening!**