



LIVONIA'S COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

Violations of rules have consequences.

Please put a check mark on each line to indicate you have read and understand it.

- It is up to you to clear, prep and maintain your own garden, which includes the aisles and perimeter. If you are just starting out as a gardener and wonder what tools would be needed, you would want to get a pointed shovel, hoe, hand trowel and rake to maintain your garden.
- Planting of individual garden plots will commence only after a date has been announced, mandatory garden meeting attended with packet pickup and the garden supervisor has verified with the plot owner that the location is correct. No work is to be performed before opening date. If you plant in the wrong garden plot, you will need to remove your plants and items immediately. One plot per household.
- GARDENERS MUST DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP THEIR GARDEN FREE OF WEEDS (This includes the aisles and perimeter). Should the plot owner be ill/illness in the family or on vacation longer than two weeks, someone must be assigned to weed and care for the garden plot. Gardens are not intended to be left untended. When gardens are assigned, they must be planted.
- In your absence, any visitor to your garden must have a note signed by you with them. They must also have this year's garden pass displayed in their car window.
- When parking on the north side of the Community Garden, please park your car facing East towards Newburgh Road. When parking on the south side, please face West close to the tree line.
- Any garden that is abandoned or left to weed over will lose garden privileges, along with their garden plot, for the next year. They will be considered a new gardener in the following year. (This includes receiving 2 or more plot inspection violation letters.)
- Fences are to be approximately 16 inches inside your plot line (all sides) because numerous plots were not weeded around the perimeter last year. You are not required to have a fence. It is your choice. NO PLANTS/VINES ON PERIMETER FENCES. You will receive a weed letter for vines on fences. You are responsible for weeding the entire fence line inside and outside the fence. Fencing will be no higher than approximately 4 feet tall. Tomato cages, bean towers and single trellises can be up to 6 feet tall. Orange fencing and bird netting are not allowed. Structures are not allowed, which means no horizontal trellises. Ribbon is allowed in colors other than red or orange.
- Trash barrels and trash bins are for refuse, such as cans, bottles, paper, etc. No stones, rocks, dirt or weeds shall be placed in the barrels. Larger rocks and unwanted stones may be stacked on the south/tree line side of the garden. Weeds and other vegetation should be placed in the large rolling compost dumpster on the southwest corner of the gardens by the shed. Do not dispose of your weeds along the tree line. Please remember to fill the compost dumpster only up to the height of the sides of the dumpster. Do not stack anything around the outside of the dumpster, as they will not pick up those items. When we have multiple dumpsters, they will be labeled 1, 2, 3 so everyone will work on filling dumpster #1, then it can be taken away when full. "ALL" vines shall be cut into 18-inch sections before disposal.
- NO PETS are allowed in the garden plots and their paths. No unattended children will be allowed in the garden area. Children are not allowed to play with the hoses.

- Please do not take it upon yourself to weed anyone else’s plot without their permission.
- CORN, SUNFLOWERS and any free-standing plants taller than 5 feet can be planted in the last row. They are not allowed in any other plots. Corn rows are available on the south end of the garden only. See Richard for assignment.
- All gardeners must be out of the garden within one hour after sundown (as soon as streetlights come on.)
- Non-biodegradable materials (i.e. flowerpots, buckets, cages, trellises, metal stakes) shall not be left behind in the garden area. Please use compostable ground cover only, which is biodegradable paper with a degradation rate of six months maximum. Non-compostable weed barrier or tarps of any kind will NOT be allowed. Newspaper may be used. Please consult the internet for the specifics. It works best to remove all weeds, lay cardboard or compostable paper, put down a layer of mulch, then a layer of compost/dirt.
- Use of the water lines is limited to 30 minutes at a time per gardener. It is recommended to water at the base of the plant. Gardeners must remain at the garden site when using the water lines. At no time will an individual gardener use more than one faucet. Hoses: Please do not bend or otherwise crimp hoses. Pull them by the rubber. Properly hang hoses back up on the hose rack when done. Due to tangling, crimping and poor coiling, the hoses do not last.
- At the end of the garden season, the plot owner must clear plot(s) of all stakes, plants (including roots) and any refuse. Failure to remove will result in loss of garden privilege. Please cut vines to 18 inches before putting in the compost bin. Gardens should look better than the day you moved in, including leveling of any trenches or hills that had been constructed and fill in all holes. Please take recyclable plant containers home, as they do not go in the trash dumpster.
- Please harvest all crops as soon as they mature. If you have too much produce for your family or friends to use, please consider giving or trading to other gardeners. A community gardener will be collecting produce again this year for the Friends of Eagles Helping Hands, averaging 700-1,000 pounds per year donated! If you would like to donate your produce for that, the bins for donations will be set up and labeled at the picnic table to the west of the gardens.
- Anyone found stealing from another gardener will be banned from the gardens indefinitely. Gardeners are not permitted in fellow gardener’s plots for any reason without their permission. If you notice strangers in gardens, ask questions and/or report it to Richard or Carol.
- Cultivating of cannabis is prohibited in a public space by law.

The Community Gardening concept entails all persons assisting and cooperating with each other to provide a bountiful and enjoyable program. Please make every effort to help one another and respect everyone’s rights. If you do not understand any of these Rules and Regulations of the Community Gardens, please bring them up at the Gardeners Meeting.

_____ I have read and completely understand the Community Gardens Rules and Regulations.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Date)