



## Garden Plot Rules & Assignment Procedures

The individual garden plots are assigned to members of the community on a first come, first serve basis. It is important to keep in mind that no one "owns" a plot. Maintaining a plot in this community garden is an opportunity to garden a small parcel of Wabasha City property. This opportunity to garden is administered and controlled by the City of Wabasha.

**To Obtain a Garden Plot you must live or work within the City of Wabasha. Since there are a limited number of plots, all requests that cannot be honored immediately will be added to a Wait List. The Wait List is continually monitored and plots are assigned from the Wait List as they become available during the year.**

### General Garden Rules

The following rules and guidelines are listed to help us protect the garden. Everyone's cooperation is expected in order to have access to the garden. Garden rules are strictly enforced by all gardeners and the appointed Garden Coordinator. Failure to abide by any rule may result in the loss of garden access and privileges. All plot gardeners have a responsibility to abide by these rules.

At the beginning of each season the city will appoint a Community Garden Coordinator to oversee the compliance of the rules. She/he will have the authority to contact individual gardener's concerning the violation of the Community Garden Rules and make recommendations to the city for termination if continued negligence exists.

- Respect other community gardeners and their space. The care of each garden plot is assigned to specific individuals and only those individuals may enter or alter the area assigned to them. No transferring of sites will be allowed.
- Pets are not allowed in the community garden space.
- Children visiting the garden must be accompanied by a community gardener. They may not "visit" other community gardener plots. Children must be supervised at all times.
- The water provided is to be used for community garden plots only. Make sure water is turned off when you leave the garden. Sprinklers may be used but are not to be left on when you are not there.
- Fertilize with care. Avoid synthetic (non-organic) fertilizer. We are striving for an organic space for the health of our community. Only natural fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and other organic measures may be used. Consider a soil test for your plot. Ask your garden coordinator if you have questions about organic gardening.
- Only annual plantings permitted. Planting trees, shrubs or perennials is not allowed at the site. If any garden has not been planted by June 1<sup>st</sup> and the designated gardener has not contacted or made prior arrangements to extend the deadline with the garden coordinator, those plots will be reassigned.
- We encourage you to rotate your crops. Crops planted in the same place each year result in unwanted pests and weaker crops.
- Harvest your crops when they are ready. Overripe crops increase the chance for disease and pests.
- Weed and maintain your plot and the adjacent walking path regularly. Weeds spread and grow quickly. Check your garden weekly for best results. **The designated garden coordinator will notify you if your plot is excessively weedy and you will be given two (2) weeks from the time of notification to rectify the situation. Further non-compliance will result in the garden being mowed and/or tilled.**
- We encourage you to compost, but only that which will decompose. You may compost: coffee grounds (non-flavored), tea bags, rinsed egg shells, clean clam shells, deadheaded blooms, thinned sprouts, dead plants, leaves, chopped vegetables, finely chopped citrus and fruit peels. Do not compost: plastic bags, metal, rubber, etc., large branches or any branches with thorns, non-vegetable matter (meat, fish, dairy), kitty litter, pet feces, grease, plants with disease or pests, rocks or anything that isn't organic.
- We encourage you to volunteer in the garden by donating some time to the maintenance of nearby or vacant plots. Remember, this is a volunteer garden and any help is very much appreciated. Please contact city hall for volunteer opportunities.
- Fall clean-up of your plot is mandatory and must be completed by October 31. This does not include cover crops or fall vegetables.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the WABASHA COMMUNITY GARDEN rules and agree to comply with the above-mentioned rules.

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