



# Community Garden Agreement 2023

The Oswegoland Park District will prepare the garden plot for planting, stake out 20'x20' and 10'x10' plots, identify each plot by number, and make water accessible to gardeners.

## Important Dates

- Feb 1 Priority registration for returning gardeners
- Apr 1 Open registration
- May 1 Garden plots open, weather permitting
- Nov Garden plots must be cleared of materials

## Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document. The fee for the use of the garden is \$20(R)/\$30(N) per 20'x20' plot, \$10(R)/\$20(N) per 10'x10' plot, for the season.
2. Plots are assigned, giving priority to returning gardeners first, then on a first come/first serve basis. I will have the right of first refusal to my plot for the following season. I will have something planted in my garden by May 31 and keep it planted and weeded all summer long.
3. Plots that have not been used by May 31 may be reassigned to someone else. There will be no refunds, unless you notify the Community Garden Coordinator at 630-554-1010 by May 31.
4. I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden.
5. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified by the Community Garden Coordinator and work out a maintenance plan. If I am unable to maintain the garden I understand it will be mowed or tilled by the Park District.
6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean & neat. I will put my compost, rocks, recyclables, and trash in designated areas. I will not bring trash or compost and leave it at the Community Garden site. It is illegal to dump on public property.
7. I will not plant trees or shrubs.
8. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that the Park District is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
9. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot(s) by the first week of November. If materials are not removed, I will not be able to reserve a plot for the following year.
10. If I adopt an abandoned plot during the season, I will be happy to relinquish it the following year.
11. I understand that garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at my plot, but I am responsible for payment of fees, cleanup, and following all other rules outlined here. I understand that I am solely responsible for the behavior of my family members and other guests.
12. I understand that pesticides and/or herbicides must be used responsibly so that they do not impact gardens other than my own. I will ask the Community Garden Coordinator for advice if I am unsure of how to respond to disease or weeds.
13. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
14. I will use wooden stakes, no rebar or metal fence posts.
15. I will keep my car in the parking lot or on the street. I will not drive on the grass.
16. I will bring buckets to transport water to my plot, I understand that I am not allowed to run water with a hose.
17. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways and paths clear of my tools and other belongings.
18. I understand that dogs are not allowed.
19. I will not enter, take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
20. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music while gardening, maintaining the natural setting of the gardens.
21. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language, physically harass, or discriminate against others.
22. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Park District reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
23. I understand all other Park District ordinances must be obeyed at all times.
24. **Commercial use of the Community Garden Plots is prohibited. They are for personal use only.**

*If issues arise, participants will be contacted, and a resolution will be mediated by the Community Garden Coordinator.*

## Commitment

I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gardener*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Oswegoland Park District*