



2016 City of Milton Community Garden Rules and Regulations

(Located rear or in the west end of the Milton Cemetery off Hwy 26)

Plot Size and Boundary Stakes

The garden plots are approximately 20 feet by 25 feet (500 sq. ft.). Each plot will be marked with a wooden stake/number and located in the southwest corners of the plot. Residents are required to obtain a permit for \$10.00 from the Department of Public Works to use the garden.

Community Garden Opening Date

The garden will officially open May 1, 2015. The garden will not be open prior to this date.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the community garden.

Safety and Courtesy

Children must be supervised at all times by adults in the community garden. If children are within the garden, they must stay in their own family's plot or on established paths. Do not enter, or allow your children to enter, others' garden plots for any reason.

Gardeners are asked to not put fences around their plots. Fences present a possible tripping hazard for others using the garden.

Some areas around the garden site may be marked "No Trespassing." Please observe these signs. Gardeners and their children must not enter private property adjacent to garden sites.

Plant only within the corner stakes that mark your garden plot. Do not allow vine crops to grow into garden paths or neighboring plots. To prevent this, gardeners are allowed to use trellises.

Walk only on walkways provided in the garden area and on your own plot. Anyone walking in someone else's plot is trespassing. Use designated paths to access your garden plot.

Anyone who vandalizes or steals from someone else's garden plot will not be allowed to participate in the Community Garden Program.

Garbage and Composting

There is no garbage pick-up at the garden site. All trash (containers, paper, etc.) and other refuse MUST be taken with you. Plant materials should be deposited in the designated compost area (preferably chopped up), and rocks should be put in the rock collection area of the garden (located next to the compost area).

Garden Plot Fertilizing and Mulching

Gardeners may apply organic (such as composted plants and manure) or chemical fertilizer (such as 10-10-10) to garden plots. Make sure that chemical fertilizers do not also contain pesticides, as these products are not allowed in gardens. Follow application rates for commercial products carefully, as excess chemical fertilizers can burn plants and/or reduce seed germination. Manure, compost, and leaf mulch may be available to community gardeners at designated locations within the gardens. Straw, leaves, and newspaper are options. Plastic film may NOT be used as mulch because it interferes with maintenance. Be sure to cover newspapers with soil or leaf mulch to prevent it from blowing away. Gardeners may recycle plant material within their own garden plots, or use compost from the compost bin in the community garden. Do not bring household compost to your community garden plot, or deposit household materials in the compost bin.

Garden Neglect and Weed Control

Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds. Gardeners are responsible for weeding their gardens and the borders of the area. The garden is in public display and a neat garden appearance is important. Also, the fewer the weeds, the higher the yield potential. Weeds spread seeds to adjacent garden plots and cause problems for other gardeners. Hoeing and hand weeding to control weeds, as well as mulching, are very important.

Gardeners need to maintain a clean-looking plot. Those who have neglected garden plots will be notified and given two weeks to remove weeds. If a gardener does not comply, the garden plot will be mowed, and the gardener will lose the community gardening privileges for the following year.

Authorized People

Only garden participants, people the gardeners invite, or other authorized personnel with business at the site are permitted in the garden site.

Water at Garden Site

Water is available at two spigots along the center road of the cemetery. Please make sure you turn them off. Sprinklers or soaker hoses are not allowed.

Soil Preparation

Gardeners may use hand tools or gas-powered roto-tillers in the community garden. Garden plots will be tilled once just prior to the opening of the garden. Additional tillage is the responsibility of the gardeners.

Pesticide Use

Pesticides are chemicals used to kill or repel pests. Pesticides include herbicides (which kill weeds), insecticides (which kill insects), and fungicides (which kill fungi).

Pesticides are poisonous and pose a threat to animals, plants, and insects beyond the target pest. For this reason, and because highly toxic insecticides and herbicides may drift to neighboring garden plots, insecticide, herbicide, and fungicide use in the community garden is strictly forbidden.

Garden Cancellation

If you choose not to use your garden plot, please contact the City of Milton at 608-868-6914 by May 14, 2016 so the plots can be reassigned. If another gardener is reassigned to your plot prior to June 1, your fee will be refunded. There will be no refund after June 1.

Donation of Excess Production

Gardeners are encouraged to donate excess production to local food pantries.

Garden Closing Date

The Community Garden will close on October 31, 2016. Gardeners are required to clean plots and place vegetation on the compost pile.



City of Milton

Community Garden Registration

Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle initial)

Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

I have received a copy of the City of Milton Community Garden Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. I agree to hold harmless the City of Milton, its officers, and employees from any and all liability of bodily harm, damage, or loss of any kind of nature arising from, or in any manner connected with my participation in the City of Milton Community Garden.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Checks should be made payable to the "City of Milton." Mail the registration form and payment to:
City of Milton Public Works Department
710 S Janesville Street
Milton, WI 53563
"Community Garden"

Registration forms and payments (check or money order) can also be dropped off at the Public Works Garage located at 150 Northside Dr. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

Office Use Only:

Date Paid: _____

Receipt #: _____

Cash/Check #: _____

Plot #: _____