



# Shorewood Community Garden Guidelines 2017

Congratulations on taking the first step toward becoming a Shorewood community Gardener! Following are guidelines for gardeners to abide by. Before applying, please make sure you are able to meet the guidelines of the Shorewood community Garden program.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICANT WILL:

- Prepare soils and plant/seed materials by May 31, 2017.
- Maintain gardens keeping weeds to a minimum and maintaining surrounding areas (keep tools picked up, tend to garden waste, compost pile and dispose of trash/litter).
- Agree to use only certified organic weed and pest control methods. All soil/mulch/manure, seeds and supplies must be secured by the applicant.
- Participate in end of season fall clean up, winterizing plot (remove all garden produce, fencing, refuse and stakes) so fall plowing can take place.
- If applicant is to put a fence around their plot perimeter, the fencing must meet the standards set by public works and city staff.
- If an applicant must abandon their plot for any reason, they will notify the city immediately at 952.960.7900 so garden may be reassigned or maintained.
- No pets shall be brought to the garden, and children will be supervised at all times.
- Plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.

***I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE, THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD, INCLUDING STAFF AND PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONS AND CITY COUNCIL, FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, INJURY, VANDALISM, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY PARK AND FREEMAN PARK.***



## THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION

The City of Shorewood's participation will be limited to bed preparation at the outset and close of each season. Public Works staff will excavate the bed, remove the topsoil and rototill in the fall.

- While it is understood that an herbicide will be used in the parks, the gardeners request that the contractor avoid the garden side of the park and/or allow a 10' buffer around the garden area.
- The city will provide a park sign which identifies the site as Community Garden plots.
- The city will provide notification to the applicant if unkempt or rundown conditions are noticed. The applicant will have one week to clean up the plot after which the garden plot may be reassigned.

The city is not responsible for lost/stolen items. Found items should be taken to city hall. Gardeners are responsible for the perpetuation of the site, as well as those working the site. Gardeners will be expected to supervise their children/volunteers on site. The city is not responsible for impacts from Mother Nature, damage from hail or inclement weather, or from other pests and deer.

## Community Garden Registration Form 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Space is limited. Reservations are accepted on first-come first-served (payment must be received for reservation to be complete).

Please check which garden you would like to be at:

South Shore Community Park – 5355 St. Alban’s Bay Rd

Freeman Park – 6000 Eureka Rd

\_\_\_\_\_ Shorewood Residents: one 10’ X 15’ plot @ \$30 per household

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Resident: one 10’ X 15’ plot @ \$45 per household

Please submit check payable to City of Shorewood. Mail or deliver completed application and payment to:

City of Shorewood Community Garden  
5755 Country Club Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331

### By registering you agree to the following guidelines for 2017:

- I agree to only use certified organic weed and pest control methods in my garden plot.
- I will have my garden prepared and planted by May 31 and will maintain the garden all season.
- If I must abandon the garden for any reason, I will notify the city at 952.960.7900.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given one weeks’ notice to clean it up, after which the garden may be reassigned or tilled.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot and away from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will not bring pets to the garden.
- I will supervise and safeguard all children I bring to the garden and make sure they understand and abide by the garden rules.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another lot user.
- I will not use fertilizers, weed or pest control methods that will in any way affect other plots.
- I will participate in the fall clean up of gardens.
- I understand that the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

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