



City of Prairie du Chien Community Garden Rules and Regulations

Plot Size and Boundary Stakes

The garden plots are approximately 10 feet by 10 feet (100 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 City Hall. Larger plots, when available will be \$15.00. On June 1st, spaces not rented will be available to non-residents.

Community Garden Opening Date

The garden will officially open the first Monday in March of each year. 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 not available at the gardens. All users will need to provide their own water for the garden.

Soil Preparation

Gardeners may use hand tools or gas-powered rota-tillers in the community garden.

Pesticide Use

Due to high toxic insecticides and herbicides may drift to neighboring garden plots, insecticide, herbicide, and fungicide use in the community is strictly forbidden. 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.

Donation of Excess Production

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

Garden Closing Date

The Community Garden will close on third Friday of October, weather permitting. Gardeners are required to clean plots and place vegetation on the compost pile.



City of Prairie du Chien Community Garden Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

I have received a copy of the City of Prairie du Chien Community Garden Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. I agree to hold harmless the City of Prairie du Chien, 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 Prairie du Chien Community Garden.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checks should be made payable to the "City of Prairie du Chien." May also pay with cash or card.

Mail or drop off at:
Prairie du Chien City Hall
214 East Blackhawk Ave
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Office Use Only:

Date Paid: _____

Receipt# _____

Cash/Check#: _____

Plot#: _ _ _ _ _