

YORKTOWN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

RULES AND POLICIES CITY OF EDINA

The Community Garden is owned and run by the City of Edina. In order to have a plot in the garden, you must agree to abide by the rules. Any outside people that you bring in to the garden are expected to follow these rules and the plot holder is responsible for communicating the rules to their guests. The rules are created in order to have a fruitful, secure, and enjoyable place to garden.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Past plot renters, **registration begins Jan. 9, 2017**
 2. Edina residents, **registration begins Jan. 27, 2017**
 3. People who work in Edina, **registration begins Feb. 17, 2017**
 4. Non-residents, **registration begins March 6, 2017**
- Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis
 - A waiting list will be maintained if garden plots fill, which is based on the date the application form is received; waiting lists are not maintained year after year.
 - Gardeners may rent one plot per household.
 - Payment can be in the form of a check payable to: **City of Edina**
 - We also accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
 - There will be a fee of \$30 for a 10'x10' and \$35 for a 10' x15' plot.

Garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at your site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot.

PLOT INFORMATION

- The size of the plots will be approximately 10' x 10' and 10' x 15'.
- Gardeners may begin planting on Saturday, May 6, weather permitting.
- We anticipate that all gardens must be planted by Monday, June 5, weather permitting. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact Nicole Gorman at 952-833-9571.
- All non-organic and organic materials must be cleared out to ground level by mid-October, date to be determined.
- If you must abandon your plot, please inform the city so it may be re-assigned. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot in early June it will be re-assigned. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact Nicole Gorman at 952-833-9571. There will be no refunds on fees paid.

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1. Plots are intended for personal use only. Gardening for commercial purposes is prohibited.
2. Gardeners are responsible for planting, weeding, and watering. Harvest produce from your designated plot only.
3. Gardeners are responsible for bringing their own tools. Storage is not provided.
4. Four spigots are available, one hose/spigot and a hose holder will be provided.
5. Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot name and number must be left in place all season.
6. There will be trash and recycling receptacles on site.
7. A compost area will be available for your use.
8. Please park in designated parking areas only.
9. Pets are not allowed inside the fence of the garden area.
10. Insecticides or herbicides may not be used in order to create and nurture healthy soil and a healthy plant environment in the garden.
11. Gardeners will not plant illegal drugs or any invasive plants.
12. Tobacco, illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Yorktown Park.
13. Only seasonal (annual) plants may be planted. No perennials, shrubs or trees are allowed to be planted.
14. No permanent structures or other decorative items are allowed, we discourage the use of temporary fencing.
15. Bio-degradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged.
16. Please keep weeds to a minimum. If weeds are growing 12" tall on more than 1/3 of your plot or if you have extended your plot beyond the assigned boundary lines, you will be contacted by the city by phone/email. You need to respond to this communication. Gardeners will have two weeks from the day we notify you to take the appropriate action before the plot will be tilled; plot must be maintained during any extended absences.
17. A walkway must be maintained around each garden plot. Crops, plants, vines, vegetation and weeds must be contained within boundaries of your garden plot. Overlapping on to adjacent pathways or garden plots is prohibited.
18. Anyone not tending his/her plot may risk losing their garden privileges for the year and lose priority registration for the following year.
19. Non-organic waste (cans, bottles and plastic containers) should be placed in the trash/recycling barrels provided.
20. Unattended watering is not allowed.

CITY OF EDINA RESPONSIBILITIES

- City will take registrations and payments for the plots.
- City will plow, till, drag, measure and stake out the gardens in the spring.
- City will provide water sources.
- City will provide an area to park.
- City will designate compost site.
- City will do an annual user survey to determine satisfaction with their experience.

Complaints, policies and mediations will be addressed by the community garden subcommittee with the City of Edina having the final authority. **City of Edina does not assume responsibility for acts of vandalism or loss of crops due to thefts or due to animals eating crops.**