

RED WING COMMUNITY GARDENS

2024 Garden Contract

A new garden contract will be made available each year through the City's website (<https://www.red-wing.org/522/Community-Gardens>). Contracts must be promptly returned along with appropriate payment. Deadline for returning contracts will be FEBRUARY 15, 2024. After deadline, any plots not committed can be assigned to waiting list gardeners.

Red Wing Community Garden Information and Requirements

The goal of the Red Wing Community Gardens is to provide an area for individuals and families to grow a garden, to build and nurture community friendships and to share and grow gardening skills. What you grow in your garden plot is yours. You do not have the right to harvest any produce out of someone else's garden.

Spring Creek Community Garden is located one mile south of Highway 61 on Spring Creek Avenue South. The Featherstone Park Garden can be accessed off of West Maple Avenue. A single garden plot is 20x20 feet.

Returning gardeners will have the first opportunity to continue their gardens the following year in their same plot. Their plot will be reserved for them if payment is received by February 15, 2024.

The 2024 garden contract contains a "Hold Harmless Waiver" that is required by the City of Red Wing. This contract is part of this agreement and must be signed. Therefore, two signatures are required.

All stakes, posts, markers on the perimeter gardens must be plastic posts. No metal stakes are allowed on the perimeter.

Reassignment of Plots

No one can arbitrarily reassign a plot to a friend or adjoining gardener. If for whatever reason you wish to opt out of the garden and give up your plot, you must follow procedures by notifying the person in charge of your garden. It is their duty to reassign your garden according to the guidelines the committee has in place.

Returning Contracts

Plots Checks and contracts must be returned by February 15, 2024. This will guarantee you the same plot for 2024. If your check is not received by the cut-off date, plots can be reassigned.

Garden Etiquette

- Introduce yourself and build a stronger community, know as many adjoining plot holders as possible
- If planting tall crops, do so where they won't shade other garden plots
- **Weed and maintain your garden and pathways around your garden regularly as weed seeds quickly spread.**
- Remove pests and diseased plants often
- Never borrow tools from another gardener without permission
- **Do not pick any planting from another plot even if you think that the plot has been abandoned or neglected. Items grown in any plot belong to that plot holder only.**
- Please walk with care and do not trample surrounding plants Do not remove plot markers.
- Children are welcome at the community garden; however, please monitor their activities.

Planting Rules and Responsibilities

- I plan to attend the work days when announced.
- **I will plant my garden promptly by June 15. I will harvest and clean out my plot by November 15th.**
- I will prepare my plot for ground cover and carry out all garbage
- I will maintain my garden plot including weeding & removal of weeds from garden area I will maintain the aisles around my garden by keeping it free of weeds
- I will not plant trees or shrubs
- I will only use organic pesticides and natural fertilizers
- I will keep walkways free of tools and planting equipment I will not plant invasive species
- I will remove refuse when a particular crop has finished producing
- I will remove stones and other foreign material from my plots. Nothing will be piled against the fences or left in the aisles.
- No heavy-duty equipment that is wider than garden aisles will be permitted in the garden
- No pets allowed in garden
- No mulch in the walkways

If you were a 2023 plot holder you will receive the same plot for 2024, providing your payment is in by February 15, 2024.

Remember, the community gardens are organic. Therefore, we encourage everyone to plant organic seeds and plants whenever possible.

Gardens must be maintained on a weekly basis or as needed to minimize weeds.

Fencing: The community garden is surrounded by 7.5 ft. high fencing. Fencing around your individual garden is not necessary. However, if you do want some kind of marker around the perimeter of your garden, it must be done with plastic posts and string. Plant support is allowed and can be metal or plastic but needs to be properly supported.

Having a community garden plot and letting it go to weeds is not acceptable. The Garden Committee reserves the right to mow the garden down if not maintained in accordance with this agreement. You must maintain your garden on a weekly basis; mulching, weeding, harvesting and disposal.

Red Wing Community Garden Committee will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damages, nor will the garden committee be responsible for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, tools or plantings. There is no security for personal possessions.

Please read this contract, garden rules and garden information. Make sure you agree and understand the regulations. This contract, along with the city required "Hold Harmless Waiver" must be signed. This agreement, along with the waiver, must be returned by mail to **Red Wing Community Garden, c/o Paul Cardinal, P.O. Box 321, Red Wing, MN, 55066.**

Fees for 2024: Full Plot 20 x 20 \$35.00

All funds collected are on deposit in local a financial institution. Funds are used for paying water bills and other expenses for the garden plots. Treasurer's report to plot holders is available upon request.

Gardener Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

DONATIONS TO THE RW COMMUNITY GARDEN ARE APPRECIATED

AND WILL BE PUT TO USE WHEN MORE SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED.

Community Garden Liability Waiver

****Required****

I wish to utilize the community garden provided by the City of Red Wing. I state and affirm that:

1. My use of the community garden is voluntary.
2. I acknowledge that a community garden is not an essential service provided by the city
3. I understand and acknowledge that the gardening activities that I voluntarily engage in have certain risks. I understand that these risks, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, may result in injury, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property, or to other persons and their property.
4. **In consideration of being allowed to use the community garden, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with such usage and I hereby agree to hold the city, it's officials, employees, agents and contractors harmless and I waive my right to make claims or bring lawsuits against the city or anyone working or volunteering on behalf of the city for any injuries or damages related to the alleged negligence of the City.**

This waiver does not apply to any injuries or damages that are a result of any willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct by the city or anyone acting on behalf of the city.

I understand that entering into and signing this agreement affects my legal rights and result in my giving up or waiving certain legal rights and I accept this and sign this agreement of my own free will.

The terms of this agreement shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives if I am deceased.

My signature indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, acknowledge that it cannot be modified or changed in any way by oral representations and agree to be bound by its terms.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Signature: _____