



2021 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT AGREEMENT

As a Garden Plot participant, I agree to abide by the policies and practices set forth in this document and within the Naperville Park District Garden Plot Guidelines.

I understand that:

- Each garden plot is rented to one person who has the sole responsibility for following the rules and regulations. Family members or guests may garden in my plot, but I am responsible for their behavior and actions.
- The Park District does not guarantee a certain number of gardening weeks per season.
 - The scheduled opening day of Saturday, May 1, 2021 is tentative (dependent on weather and soil conditions) and may be delayed.
 - The official opening date will be posted on the Park District's Weather Cancellation Line and the Garden Plot Facebook page.
 - The closing date will remain the same even if the garden plots opening date is delayed.
- The last day to garden will be Monday, October 11, 2021; the garden plots will officially close on Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021.
 - Garden plot rentals, and parking permits, expire on the closing date.
 - Access/entry to the garden plots before or after the designated open dates is not allowed.
- The parking permit must be visibly displayed in my vehicle at all times while I'm gardening.
 - The garden plot parking permit may only be used for the purpose of tending to my garden plot and not for special event parking.
- I must provide my own gardening tools and equipment however, personal property should not be left in my plot(s). The Park District is not responsible for vandalism or theft.
- I must keep my garden plot(s) weeded throughout the entire gardening season, even when out of town.
 - I am allowed no more than 1/3 of my plot(s) to be covered with weeds 12" or taller.
 - I will be contacted by the Park District if my plot needs to be weeded.
 - I must weed my plot by the designated time listed in the *2021 Garden Plot Guidelines* or my plot will be mowed.
 - If my plot is mowed I will no longer be able to garden in it, and I will not receive Priority Registration for the next gardening season.
- If I am in good standing and want to garden in the same plot next year, I must register during the Priority Registration period, which will be stated on the Park District's Garden Plot webpage and Facebook page, and sent in an email to all Priority gardeners.
 - If I miss the Priority Registration period, I will have to wait until Open Registration begins in March to register for an available plot.
- I cannot plant *Cannabis* in my garden plot(s).
- I cannot use Park District property to advertise events or services. No signage, banners, or flyers are allowed.
- By the end of the day on Monday Oct 11, 2021, all non-plant materials (stakes, fencing, watering cans, tomato cages, tools, etc.), and any produce I wish to keep, must be removed from my plot(s). Any gardening items left behind will be disposed of accordingly. Excess items left behind will result in the loss of Priority Registration for the following year.
- Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Park District reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.

- Smoking, use of electronic vapor devices, or other use of tobacco products is prohibited within Park District parks, including the garden plots, and may only be used within your vehicle in the parking lot.
- Participants in this program are expected to adhere to our *Participant Behavior Code of Conduct*. Failure to comply with the Park District’s behavior code may warrant expulsion from the Garden Plot program. Issues with other gardeners should be brought to the attention of the Garden Plot Manager at 630-864-3962 or **aharshman@napervilleparks.org**.
- All other Park District ordinances, state and local laws must be obeyed at all times.

I will also:

- Use the Park District’s *Weather Cancellations & Facility Closures Rainout Line* or *Garden Plot Facebook* page to check on the official opening date, limited access dates, and closures for the Garden Plots.
- Access my plot(s) only during the designated open dates/rental period, and only between the hours of sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Park in the parking lot or on the designated side of the interior roads. Parking is not allowed in plots or on grass areas.
- Plant in my assigned plot and within the plot boundaries identified by the Park District.
 - If I plant outside of this boundary I understand that these items will be mowed.
- Plant my garden by the deadline noted in the *2021 Garden Plot Guidelines*.
- Refrain from placing any items in the aisles and never place rocks, gravel or plastic sheeting in my plot(s) or the aisles.
- Transport my own water from the spigots; hoses are not allowed. Any exceptions must be approved by the Garden Plot Manager.
- Place only onsite generated weeds and garden waste in the large dumpsters that are located throughout the plots, and not in the blue recycling or green garbage cans.
- Use herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, and fertilizers responsibly if I am renting in the regular gardening section.
- Only use organic gardening products in my plot(s) if I am renting in the organic gardening section.
- Be respectful of other gardeners by keeping my garden plot neat and tidy and free of items that may disrupt other garden plot participants.
- Keep my contact information and email address up to date with the Park District.

I have read and understand the above and accept the policies, practices, and rules & regulations for the Naperville Park District’s Community Garden Plots program. I understand that violation of the garden plot policies, practices, and rules & regulations may result in my removal from the program, the loss of priority registration, and/or a fine.

Signature

Date

Name (Please Print)

Plot(s) #