

Fees and Applications

- The Plots at **WWCG** are reserved for residents of Whitewater, WI at **\$35 per plot**.
- March 15, 2024: Returning Gardeners may submit their application for the 2024 season.
- Payment will be taken after application is accepted With a **Deadline of April 1st**.
- The person who signs the application is responsible for tending the plot. Others may garden with you, but you are responsible for all cleanup, duties, and conduct.
- **Additional Gardeners are required to sign waiver for the 2024 season.**

New Members

- April 1st, 2024: New Gardeners may submit their application on a first-come, first-served basis.
- New members (Anyone who was not at the garden the previous year) must read and sign a **Season 2024 Application**, complete an Orientation and pay a \$35 season fee + a \$25 refundable deposit. (\$60 total)

Deposits and Refunds

- All refundable \$25 deposits will be dealt with in the following season application period, If the gardener maintains their plot, surrounding area and also cleans up by **November 1st, 2024. If you choose to not return, you must ask for deposit.**
- No refunds on abandoned garden plots will be given.
- Returning gardeners have the option to rent the same plot each year, upon submission of a new application agreement. It will not be assumed you will be returning every year.

Additional Plots

- After June 15th, 2024, To ensure opportunity for the whole community, additional plots may be rented, based on availability.
- Requested OPEN PLOT must also be connecting to your current plot.

Parking

- City of Whitewater does not allow **ANY VEHICLES** past the parking lot with **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Members may use personal wagons to carry heavy items.

Plot Maintenance Expectations

- Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their plot as soon as the gardens are open for the season or immediately upon rental.
- This progress should include: at least half the plot under cultivation; plants established and cared for; **path maintenance is carried out**; weeds are being managed, etc.
- Map showing rented plots with the last name and email of the gardener will be sent to all.
- If the plot is weedy and/or not planted by June 15, the plot will be re-assigned to the first person on the waiting list, and the plot fee and deposit will not be refunded.
- End of season cleanup must be completed no later than November 15th, 2024.
- All plants should be removed and the area around the plot should be tidy.
- Gardeners who have not cleaned their plots by November 15th, will forfeit their \$25 deposit and **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to reserve a plot for 2024 season.
- Maintain your plot(s) with regular weeding, watering, harvesting and tidying. The areas immediately surrounding your plot(s) will also need to be maintained.
- If your plot and surrounding area is not maintained, you will be issued a warning. If the conditions do not improve, or after two warnings, you will lose your plot, fees, and deposit for the year.
- Keep all plants within the garden beds. Overhanging vines make mowing and general use of the garden difficult for others.
- **DO NOT** leave anything in the grassy walk way between plots. I.e; straw bails. They get in the way of the grass mower.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Do not plant, weed, water or harvest from any plot that is not assigned to you without express consent. If your neighbors weeds etc are causing harm to your plot, let them know ASAP.
- Gardeners are encouraged to share with and collaborate together to accomplish work and to voluntarily distribute produce.
- If you are unable to harvest your plot for any reason, please contact Jennifer or one of your Garden Neighbors. We can arrange to have the fruit/vegetables harvested and donated.
- Plots may be used for the growing of food, annual flowers and legal plants only.

- Be respectful of others – tall plants should not shade other gardener's plots.
- Corn (which would be considered a tall plant) is becoming a nuisance to the garden due to attracting animals and humans.
- Please clean up after your pet if necessary. Do not place pet feces in the compost bins.

Watering, Tools, and Storage

- **REMEMBER TO TURN OFF WATER WHEN YOU LEAVE. Simple Rule:** If you turn on the main line, then turn it off as well as all connecting stations. Communicate with members at the garden, do not assume someone will turn it off for you.
- Be vigilant and mindful of your hose system, it is normal for leaks and cracks to appear on an irrigation system of this size. Call or text Jennifer immediately (262-258-8402) for repairs.
- It doesn't take long for a plot to become flooded, leaky hoses will damage plots.
- Please coil hoses neatly and return them to where they belong after each use.
- Tools are available in the locked shed. They kept inside are for use by all gardeners, and must be returned promptly after use.
- Please do not take the community garden's tools home with you.
- Do not use the storage shed for personal storage.
- The shed must be locked by the last person to leave the garden
- Gardeners should wipe dirt from tools after use. Don't use water or they will RUST.
- Keep the center walkway clear of hoses when they are not in use.

Compost bins

- Compost bins are not trash bins, only organic material intended to naturally break down.
- Do not dispose of dirty gloves or empty recyclables in the compost.

Organic Standards

- Keep the garden tended to organically. Refrain from using chemical fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, or any type of pesticides that are not organic in nature.
- We do have some members with health concerns, the use of chemicals will linger in the soil for years to come and contaminate the plot for the next gardeners.

Whitewater Community Garden Plot Rental Application

Date: _____ Plot Number: _____

Name of Person held Responsible of Plot: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

List any additional family or friends that will want access to the plot and
(They will also need to sign the 2024 Rules and Wavier Document for 2024)

1: _____ Relation to Responsible Persons: _____

2: _____ Relation to Responsible Persons: _____

3: _____ Relation to Responsible Persons: _____

In order to participate in the **2024** Season in the **Whitewater Community Garden (WWCG)** on 1201 Innovation Dr, Whitewater, WI, the Gardener(s) agree(s) to the following by reading and signing below:

Gardener's Signature and Liability Waiver

- I agree to abide by the WWCG rules as outlined in the application..
- I realize that violation of these rules may result in expulsion from the garden.
- I understand that the WWCG, its volunteering members, the City of Whitewater and the landowner are not responsible for my actions and/or the actions of my guests.
- I agree to hold harmless the WWCG, its volunteering members, the City of Whitewater and the landowner for any liability, damage, or loss that may occur in connection with use of the WWCG.

I submit this signed application in agreement with these terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please keep a copy of this document for future reference.