



City of Midland
The Circle Area Community Garden 2019



Mail-in applications will not be accepted.

Registration begins at 8:00a.m. on February 11th online at www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/communitygarden or in person at the Municipal Service Center, 4811 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland. Each garden plot is \$25, limit one per household. Plots are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Name: Street Address: Apt. #:

City: Zip Code: Telephone or Cell Phone Number(s):

Email Address(s):

Gardener Information:

- I will be the only gardener tending my plot
I plan to tend my plot with another gardener (Name:)
I have gardened before: Vegetable Flowers Fruit Herbs
I would like assistance on designing & planting my garden.
I would like additional information on organic gardening.
I am willing to volunteer my time tending community areas within the garden.
I am interested in educational opportunities on the following gardening topics:

Please list what plant material you are interested in growing and the approximate quantity:

Table with 2 columns: Plant Type, Quantity. Multiple rows for listing plants and quantities.

Due to the nature of these plants (i.e. invasive, grow too large, perennial, etc.) the following items will NOT be permitted in the community garden beds: Borage, mint, grapes, full size watermelons, asparagus, perennials herbs, fruit trees, tomatillos, rhubarb, strawberries, blueberries and bush berries, sunflowers, vining squashes and pumpkins and sweet potatoes.



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Located at Edwin Street and Cambridge Street



Rules and Guidelines for 2019

1. **New in 2019**, gardeners will be given their plot assignment information at one of the three orientation meetings. The first orientation meeting will be an educational/working event, during which the cover crop will be turned in & the beds prepared. The other two orientation dates will be informational as in years past. If unable to attend one of the three events, you will need to contact the garden manager or the Horticulturist.
2. The assigned garden plot must be planted so that growth covers at least 75% of the plot area and must be maintained to stay within its boundaries. You may not have only soil in the garden plot.
3. Vegetables, herbs, small fruit plants and flowers are to be planted in the garden no later than the **first Saturday in June** and kept planted all summer long. You must have produce or plants in the garden plot during the entire season.
4. Work on the plot can begin no earlier than **second Saturday in April**.
5. Plots that remain unplanted by the **first Saturday in June** are assumed to be abandoned and will result in forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee.
6. If the plot is abandoned for any reason, notification must be provided to Stephanie Richardson – City Horticulturist, or the designated Garden Manager.
7. Weeds must be kept to a minimum and the areas immediately surrounding the plot must also be kept free of weeds. Plots may not be consistently weedy, untended or contain debris.
8. If the plot becomes overrun with weeds you will be given one (1) week's notice to clean it up. Failure to clean up the plot will result in the plot being considered abandoned and will result in the forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee.
9. Only plants and seeds that have been pre-approved by the City Horticulturist are allowed to be planted in the plot.
10. Growing any plants considered illegal or poisonous is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee.
11. If any of your plants become infected or diseased contact the City Horticulturist, Garden Manager or Master Gardener Volunteer for instructions on what to do. If an infected or diseased plant is found by any of the above parties and is deemed a potential threat to other gardens or plants, it may be removed immediately.
12. Use of your own fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents in this chemical-free organic garden is strictly prohibited.
13. Please contact the City Horticulturist, Garden Manager or a Garden Volunteer if you would like information regarding organic gardening.
14. Keep any garden structures (supports, etc.) to a maximum height of five (5) feet tall and four (4) feet wide and keep the structures in the center of the garden plot. These structures tend to shade neighboring plots from early and late day sun which can rob your neighbor's garden of sunlight.
15. Fencing around the plot is not permitted.
16. **Flags and other types of decorations are permitted on a limited basis to aid in the deterring of small animals & for the enjoyment of the children involved in the gardening process. Please note that the City cannot be responsible for these decorative items and if the Horticulturist or the Garden Manager determine it to be necessary, the decorations may be removed from the plot.**
17. Be courteous and limit your use of watering time when others require water or keep in mind to water when only a few other gardeners are present.
18. Water is not to be used for drinking or any purpose other than watering your plants.
19. Keep trash and litter out of the plot as well as out of adjacent pathways and fences.
20. You may only pick your own crops and flowers unless given permission by another plot user.
21. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs in the garden is strictly prohibited.
22. Entering the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.

23. Parking is allowed on both sides of Edwin Street in accordance with posted parking signs. Driving and/or parking on the park property, sidewalk or any other unapproved parking area is strictly prohibited. Please contact Parks and Recreation for the layout of the garden and public streets adjacent to the garden.
24. Children must be under direct adult supervision at all times while in the garden. Make every effort to see that children respect the neighboring garden plots, walkways and other gardeners.
25. Pets are not allowed within the garden.
26. Harvest your crops once they have matured.
27. You are responsible for cleaning and leveling the plot including walkways directly around the plot by removing dead plants, rocks, temporary supports and other debris at the end of the growing season and no later than **the second Friday of October**. Gardeners whose plots are not cleared and cleaned up will be notified of a violation and be given one (1) week to clean up the plot. If the plot is not cleaned up within the allotted time frame the gardener's application will not be considered for future use of the garden.
28. Disposal of garden waste is to be placed in the appropriate bins and/or containers at the garden site only.
29. Produce grown at the garden cannot be for commercial use and may not be sold.
30. Power equipment is not allowed on premises nor is electrical power provided.
31. Please be aware that municipal park hours for this location are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and planting activities shall be done within those hours.
32. The onsite storage shed is only to be used and accessed by City staff and the Garden Manager. Onsite storage of personal property and/or tools is not allowed in plot areas.
33. Gardeners are expected to work together or next to other gardeners in relative harmony. Gardeners shall be courteous in all interactions and work together to resolve any disagreements. City staff and volunteers will check plots often to encourage productive use by all participants.
34. Gardeners shall respect their neighbor's garden and the rights of the community residents as well as appreciate the fact that this land is owned by and has been made available by the City of Midland.
35. Violation notices will be in writing, posted in the plot and mailed to the address given on the application form. The gardener will have seven (7) days to correct the problem. If there is no response to the warning letter, the plot and plot fee will be forfeited for the season.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability on account of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, and any other causes of action, claims, demands, sums of money, expenses or compensation of any kind whatsoever, arising by statute, in contract or in tort, or any other liability, liquidated or unliquidated, known or unknown, certain or contingent, legal or equitable, arising from or related to use of or activities occurring at the Circle Area Community Garden.

Signature

Date

Please return this signed and dated Rules and Guidelines acknowledgment along with the completed forms and \$25.00 at the time of registration.

Prepared by James O. Branson III, Midland City Attorney

Approved as to content by Stephanie Richardson, City Horticulturist