



## 2020 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT GUIDELINES

The goal of Libertyville Gardens is to inspire residents in the Libertyville area to grow their own vegetables right in their own community. If you love the taste of a cool, crisp, homegrown cucumber or are in need of garden space to grow your own produce, then you've come to the right place. Roll up your sleeves and join in. **Sign up for a garden plot today!**

### Plot Information and Identification

Garden plots are offered in partnership with Gardeners of Central Lake County, The Chapel, Libertyville and the Village of Libertyville. Plots are located at The Chapel, located at 1200 American Way in Libertyville. Weather dependent, the 2020 growing season will run from May through October. Plots will be staked and ready for planting at the earliest possible date with consideration to weather and soil conditions.

**Gardeners will be notified via email when plots are ready to garden.** Garden plots will be identified with numbered stakes placed in the northeast corner of each plot. Corner stakes will mark the boundaries of each plot. Please do not move or remove any of the stakes.

### Gardeners' Responsibilities

Garden coordinators request that gardeners assume certain responsibilities for their plot(s):

- All plots must be planted by June 21. Garden coordinators may reassign unplanted plots, without refund, after this date.
- Gardeners should maintain each plot to its boundaries.
- Gardeners may bring grass clippings from home for use in their individual plots.
- Gardeners are expected to weed their garden and keep it neat.
- Gardeners are expected to maintain the aisles surrounding their plots so that gardeners can easily traverse the garden and access the water sources.
- Plastic bags, rocks, string, wooden stakes or other materials should not be left in the garden aisles. It is the gardener's responsibility to remove these items from his/her plot at the end of the season.
- Gardeners will take their garden down to ground level by **October 25**.
- Introduce yourself to your neighboring gardeners; remember, it's a community!

### Water

Water sources are available adjacent to the garden site. Please note that hoses and automated sprinklers are *not* allowed. You must transport your water from the water source using other means.

### Parking

Parking is available in the northeast portion of The Chapel parking lot, which is located behind the church near the berm area. Gardeners are not permitted to park on Technology Way, at the business complex across from Technology Way, or at the soccer fields to the north. Gardeners are also not permitted to drive down or around the berm and park directly adjacent to the garden.

### Tips for Good Gardening

- Tilling of all garden plots will take place before staking in May and after the close of the gardens in October. Please be aware, some cultivation of the land may be necessary prior to planting.
- Mulching is a necessary part of your garden because it provides a protective covering for the soil. Mulching also controls weeds, saves moisture, and prevents the soil temperature from rising too high.
- Keep in mind that taller plants, including vining ones, tend to shade smaller plants, so be sure to plant the tall plants to one side of the garden.

### **Regulations, Terms and Conditions**

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document. Fee for seasonal use of a garden plot is \$35 (size 20' x 20') or \$20 (size 20' x 10'). A \$25 refundable deposit is also required. The season runs May through October.
2. Garden plots are assigned by the Libertyville Gardens coordinator. More than one plot may be purchased. I understand that my name will appear on the garden plot map showing which plot is mine.
3. Plots not used by June 1 may be reassigned.
4. I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden. I will not remove numbered plot stakes.
5. I will keep my garden plot free of weeds, pests and disease. Should my garden become neglected, it is understood that I will be notified and I will work out a maintenance plan.
6. I will keep my plot, paths and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will remove my compost, rocks, recyclables and trash. I will not dispose of household trash at the Libertyville Gardens.
7. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that The Chapel is not responsible for vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
8. I will remove all landscape waste, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot(s) prior to the close of the garden in October. If materials are not removed, I will lose my deposit and may not be able to reserve a spot the following year.
9. I understand that garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at my plot, but I am responsible for payment of fees, cleanup, and following all other rules. I understand that I am solely responsible for the behavior of my family members and other guests.
10. I will NOT utilize any type of pesticides, insecticides or weed repellents of any kind.
11. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
12. I will keep my car in The Chapel parking lot. I will not drive on the grass.
13. I will bring buckets or a watering can to transport water from the water source to my plot.
14. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways/paths clear of tools and other belongings. I will not block pathways at any time.
15. I will not enter or take food/plants from other plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not mine.
16. I will respect other gardeners and will not use abusive or profane language, listen to loud or lewd music, physically harass or discriminate against others.
17. Alcohol is prohibited at Libertyville Gardens.
18. No cigarette butts in the garden. If you smoke, make sure your smoke does not irritate your neighbors...ask first.

### **Commitment**

- I have read and understand the application and accept the regulations, terms and conditions.

The 2020 REGISTRATION APPLICATION is online at [www.libertyville.com/libertyvillegardens](http://www.libertyville.com/libertyvillegardens). **By reading these guidelines you are agreeing to all regulations, terms and conditions listed above. Your online registration will serve as your signature of agreement.**

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**The Chapel, Libertyville, Gardeners of Central Lake County and Village of Libertyville.**

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