

COMMUNITY GARDENS 2026



- **March 10th:** Registration opens to residents of Mentor gardeners.
- **March 17th:** Registration opens to non-residents of Mentor gardeners.
- **20' x 20'** is the garden space size.
- **\$50 fee per space** payable to the *City of Mentor* (8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060). Must be paid in full upon registration and is nonrefundable.
- Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Gardeners can reserve up to two spaces.

**Call Wildwood Cultural Center
for more information
(440) 974-5735.**

COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. All gardener participants are to keep their space(s) maintained properly and cleaned up at the end of the 2026 gardening season. If space(s) are not put to bed by October 30th, gardeners are not welcome back the following year.
2. A water source will be located close to your space. Hoses will be provided, but you will need to bring your own nozzle. Water use is limited to ½ hour if someone else is waiting to use water. Please use water responsibly. You must be present while using a hose or sprinkler. The water will be turned off on October 30th.
3. Each section has four spaces, allowing you to share two common sides with adjacent spaces. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their space during the garden season, from April 24th through October 30th. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are the responsibility of the gardener. It is also the responsibility of the gardener to keep the walkways surrounding their space clear and free of trash, plant materials, and supplies. No items shall impede other gardeners' spaces. No tripping hazards. Planting **MUST** commence by June 1st.
4. Gardeners must provide their own gardening tools. No tools or supplies of any kind may be left unattended at the garden site.
5. Weather permitting, the City of Mentor Parks Department tills all garden spaces each fall and spring to turn over the soil. The fine tilling of spaces will be required and is the responsibility of the gardener.
6. Only non-invasive annual plants and seeds are permitted.
7. Access to the Community Garden is available seven days a week during daylight hours, with the exception of Saturday, June 20th, due to the Arts & Wine Fest (6:00 AM – 10:00 PM), and all day during the Golf Cart Hayride, which is October 23rd through 25th.
8. Your space must be maintained during the growing season. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify Wildwood Cultural Center (440) 974-5735 if they are not able to care for their space for an extended period of time. If any space becomes neglected, the gardener will be given notice to clean it up. **If clean-up and planting does not occur by June 1st, your space will be offered to the next person on the waiting list, your registration fee will be forfeited, and you will not be able to rent a space the following year.**
9. Gardeners may only pick their own crops unless given permission by another gardener. Any gardener who is reported taking anything from another space may have their privileges revoked. Gardeners are encouraged to harvest crops regularly.
10. Please plant tall crops where they will have the least impact on neighboring gardens, at the south end of your space only. Keep all plants within your space boundaries.
11. Never throw trash, weeds, plant material, or spoiled fruits or vegetables, in the field surrounding the garden. All garbage must be put in a trash can, not thrown on the ground.
12. Please note the area in front of the gardens between the gardens and the stone driveway. This is the seasonal dry ground grass parking. Do NOT drive in this area until the ground is firm and dry. Cars cannot be parked here nor can you drive in this section until we feel the area is dry enough for you to park in that area.
13. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. No alcohol is permitted in the garden and park. No pets are permitted in the garden or park without a leash. Always clean up after your pet.

(Detach bottom portion and send to Wildwood Cultural Center c/o City of Mentor, 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor Ohio 44060)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

Number of Garden Space(s) (Please Circle): 1 2 (Please Circle) Preferred Space # _____ (Preferred space cannot be guaranteed)

Amount Total: \$ _____ Fee Enclosed (Please circle): CHECK CASH CREDIT

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration date (MM/YY): _____ / _____ CVC Code: _____

Please send payment and application to: Wildwood Cultural Center c/o City of Mentor, 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor, Ohio 44060; Make checks payable to City of Mentor.

By signing below, I have read and agree to comply with the City of Mentor Wildwood Community Garden Rules. I understand that noncompliance may result in expulsion. I agree to indemnify and hold without reprisal the City of Mentor for any damage, loss, or injury caused by any other person, fire, theft, water, or accident. This agreement is entered in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Signature: _____ Date: _____