

COMMUNITY GARDENS 2024



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

- **March 11th:** Registration opens to previous gardeners.
- **March 18th:** Registration begins for new gardeners' Mentor residents.
- **March 25th:** Registration begins for non-Mentor residents.
- **20' x 20'** is the garden plot size.
- **\$50 fee per plot** payable to the *City of Mentor* (8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060). Is to be paid in full upon registration and is nonrefundable.
- Plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Gardeners can reserve up to two plots.

COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. All new participants are to keep their plot(s) maintained properly and cleaned up at the end of the 2024 gardening season. If plot(s) are not put to bed by October 31st, gardeners are not welcome back the following year.
2. A water source will be located close to your plot. 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 31st.
3. Each section has four plots, allowing you to share two common sides with adjacent plots. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their plot during the garden season, from April 27th through October 31st. 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 plot clear and free of trash, plant materials, and supplies. No items shall impede other gardeners' plots. No tripping hazards. Planting must commence by June 8th.
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 plots each fall and spring to turn over the soil. The fine tilling of plots 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 22th, due to the Arts & Wine Fest (6:00 AM – 10:00 PM) and the Golf Cart Hayride, October 25th through 27th.
8. Your plot must be maintained during the growing season. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify at Wildwood Cultural Center (440) 974-5735 if they are not able to care for their plot for an extended period of time. If any plot becomes neglected, the gardener will be given notice to clean it up. If clean-up does not occur within 10 days, your plot 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 plot the following year.
9. Gardeners may only pick their own crops unless given permission by another gardener. Any gardener who is reported taking vegetables from another plot 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 the plot only. Keep all plants within your plot boundaries.
11. Never throw trash, weeds, plant material, or spoiled fruits or vegetable, in the field surrounding the garden. A compost pile is provided for fruits and vegetables. The compost pile is only for Community Garden material, not from your home. The Parks crew will be turning the compost pile, and we hope to have healthy and usable compost. All other garbage must be put in a trash can not thrown on the ground.
12. Please note the area in the center of the garden map marked: seasonal dry ground grass parking. Do not drive in this area until the ground is firm and dry. Barricades may be placed in this area so that cars cannot drive in this section until we feel the area is dry enough for cars to drive and park on grass.
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 Plots (Please Circle): 1 2 (Please Circle : Organic Non Organic Preferred Plot # _____

(Organic plots are limited and plot placing is on a first come first serve basis. Preferred spots can not be guaranteed and only act as a recommendation)

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

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

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

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: _____