

2008 Sioux Falls Community Garden Guidelines

The Sioux Falls Community Garden was designed for people like you — renters without access to land, or homeowners with too-small or too-shady yards. There are no income requirements. Scholarships are available if the \$15 garden fee is prohibitive.

The only expectation is that people who choose to be community gardeners commit to maintaining their garden plots for the entire growing season. The Sioux Falls Community Garden is a cooperative effort involving the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County Master Gardeners, Minnehaha County Extension Service, and a dedicated group of volunteers, including more than 150 individual gardeners.

Garden Details

- **Fees.** \$15 for the season pays for water bills, tilling expenses and future garden investments.
- **Flowers.** Each garden plot must include at least one row of annual, blooming flowers.
- **Weed Control.** Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot and the control of weeds and grass in paths around the plot.
- **Plowing/Tilling.** This project is done by volunteers, not city employees. Plots will be plowed and ready to plant as soon as possible, but *usually* by mid-May. Please do not call to ask when the gardens will be ready. Please look for the white stakes marking plots when plowing is done.
- **Soil Condition.** Gardeners are encouraged to make soil improvements in their plots, using organic materials such as lawn clippings and other compost.
- **Garden Agreement.** It is expected that if you choose to be a community gardener, you will commit to maintaining your plot for the ENTIRE growing season. Excessive weeds will forfeit your plot.
- **Trash Removal.** Anything you bring into the garden sites, you are expected to carry out. If you use inorganic weed control (such as landscape fabric) you are responsible for maintaining its appearance. Please secure it to prevent it from flapping in the wind or flying away. The same goes for milk jugs and other plant supports. ALL materials must be removed from the garden at the end of the season. Failing to remove materials will forfeit your plot for next year.
- **Garden Days.** Keep garden activities to daylight hours. The gardens are officially closed from dusk until dawn.
- **Water.** Water is available in the green hydrant or spicket provided (depending on your garden site). NEW sites use a tank. Provide your own hose or bucket. In all cases, water conservation is required. Follow city watering rules. Water is meant only for garden plants.
- **Neighborliness.** Be considerate. Do not plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Do not pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission.
- **Prohibitions.** Perennial plants, trees, building materials and carpet are not allowed in the community gardens.
- **Deadline.** 2008 plot registration applications must be received by April 15, 2008.

Please keep these guidelines for your reference.