

# Whitewater Community Garden Plot Rental Application and Rules

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Returning Members:

THIS PAGE can  
can be sent via email to  
[WhitewaterCG@gmail.com](mailto:WhitewaterCG@gmail.com)

## First time applicants:

This application will be provided to  
you during Orientation.

Checks can be made out to :  
**W W Community Garden**

Preferred Method of Contact, Please Circle 1:      Email      or      Text

In order to participate in the **2021** Season in the  
**Whitewater Community Garden (WWCG)**  
on 1201 Innovation Dr, Whitewater, WI,  
the Gardener(s) agree(s) to the following by reading and signing below:

**WWCG will begin accepting applications on April 1st, 2021.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS is May 31st, 2021.**

## Gardener's Signature and Liability Waiver

- I agree to abide by the WWCG rules as outlined in the above sections.
- I realize that violation of these rules may result in expulsion from the garden.
- I understand that the WWCG, its volunteering members, the City of Whitewater and the landowner are not responsible for my actions and/or the actions of my guests.
- I agree to hold harmless the WWCG, its volunteering members, the City of Whitewater and the landowner for any liability, damage, or loss that may occur in connection with use of the WWCG.

I submit this signed application and \$25 check (if a new member) in agreement with these terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep a copy of this document for future reference.**

### **Fees, Deposits, Applications, and Plots**

- The Plots at WWCG are reserved for residents of Whitewater, WI.
- Beginning April 1st, 2021, new gardeners and returning gardeners in good standing may submit their application for a garden plot on a first-come, first-served basis.
- After June 1st, 2021 additional plots may be rented, based on availability.
- There is an opportunity for a second plot but to ensure an equitable opportunity for the whole community this will open up after *June 1st, 2021*.
- Requested OPEN PLOT must also be connecting (Next to) to your current plot.
- No refunds on abandoned garden plots will be given.
- Any donations will be used to offset direct costs of the WWCG ie; for Straw or for maintenance.
- \$25 refundable deposit will be asked for new members.
- The WWCG MUST receive \$25 for an application to be completed after an Orientation is given.
- The refundable \$25 deposit will be returned after the close of the garden season if the gardener maintains their plot and surrounding area and also cleans up their plot by **November 1st, 2021**.
- The plot cannot be left as is, all winter for the WG Crew or the next renter to deal with or you will not be asked to return for the 2022 season.
- Returning gardeners will have the option to rent the same plot each year, upon submission of a new application agreement. Please note the plot you wish to rent (returning gardeners only) on the application..
- If the number of interested gardeners exceeds the number of plots, the overflow will be added to a waiting list in the order the applications were received.
- The person who signs the application is responsible for tending the plot. Others may garden with you at your plot, but your signature on this application makes you responsible for all cleanup, duties, and conduct.

### **Contact info and communication**

Contact the WWCG volunteer organizers by email at [whitewatercrg@gmail.com](mailto:whitewatercrg@gmail.com)

### **Plot Maintenance Expectations**

- Each gardener is required to ready their plot for the season by May 31 and have started planting by June 1 (weather permitting).
- Maps showing rented plots with the last name of the gardener will be sent via email.

- Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their plot as soon as the gardens are open for the season or immediately upon rental.
- By Memorial Day weekend, May 31, 2021, there should be marked progress toward a productive garden.
- This progress should include: at least half the plot under cultivation; plants established and cared for; path maintenance is carried out; weeds are being managed, etc.
- If the plot is weedy and/or not planted by June 15, the plot will be re-assigned to the first person on the waiting list, and the plot fee and deposit will not be refunded.
- End of season cleanup must be completed no later than November 31.
- All plants should be removed and the area around the plot should be tidy.
- **Gardeners who have not cleaned their plots by November 31, will forfeit their \$25 deposit and WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to reserve a plot for 2022 season.**
- Maintain your plot(s) with regular weeding, watering, harvesting and tidying. The areas immediately surrounding your plot(s) will also need to be maintained.
- If your plot and surrounding area is not maintained, you will be issued a warning. If the conditions do not improve, or after three warnings, you will lose your plot, fees, and deposit for the year.
- Keep all plants within the garden beds. Overhanging vines make mowing and general use of the garden difficult for others.

### **Watering, Tools, and Storage**

- Be vigilant and mindful of your hose system, it is normal for leaks and cracks to appear on an irrigation system of this size. There is no "irrigation person" as all members are also volunteers to the greater garden. Do the best you can as quickly as possible or ask for help. It doesn't take long for a plot to become flooded.
- Water is available from the hydrant and tools are available in the locked shed. Please report any problems with the hydrant or lock of shed via Text to Jennifer immediately (262-258-8402)
- A locked shed is located in the garden. The tools kept inside are for use by all community gardeners, and must be returned promptly after use. Please do not take the community garden's tools home with you. Do not use the storage shed for personal storage. Please coil hoses neatly and return them to where they belong after each use. The shed must be locked by the last person to leave the garden
- Gardeners should wipe dirt from tools after use. Don't use water or they will RUST.
- Keep the center walkway clear of hoses when they are not in use.

## **Organic Standards**

- We must try to keep the garden tended to organically. Please refrain from using chemical fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, or any type of pesticides that are not organic in nature.

### **As we do have some members with health concerns.**

- In addition to health, the use of chemicals will linger in the soil for years to come and contaminate the plot for the next gardener.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Please refrain from entering another gardener's plot unless you are specifically invited. Do not plant, weed, water or harvest from any plot that is not assigned to you without express consent. Gardeners are encouraged to share with and collaborate together to accomplish work and to voluntarily distribute produce.
- If you are unable to harvest your plot for any reason, please contact Jennifer or one of your Garden Neighbors. We can arrange to have the fruit/vegetables harvested and donated.
- Plots may be used for the growing of food, annual flowers and legal plants only.
- DO NOT plant trees, shrubs, woody plants or perennials.
- Be respectful of others – tall plants should not shade other gardener's plots.
- All children visiting the garden must be supervised.
- Please clean up after your pet if necessary. Do not place pet feces in the compost bins.

## **Compost bins**

- Compost bins are not trash bins, only organic material intended to naturally break down. Bonus, the soil at the bottom of the bins is compost or black gold! Sprinkle some around the base of plants for a nutrient boost!
- Do not put diseased or insect infested plants in the compost.
- Do not dispose of dirty gloves or empty recyclables in the compost.
- Please notify Jennifer if compost is too high.
- There is no trash pick-up on location; please do not leave ANY trash in the garden.

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