

WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN
1851 BIRCH STREET, WHITE BEAR LAKE MN 55110
2018 COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT

The Garden Committee agrees to the following:

1. Prepare the garden area for planting.
2. Stake out and identify plots. Each plot will be approximately 15' x 20'. No planting is allowed until the gardens are staked.
3. Provide water. Faucets are placed at intervals to accommodate all plots
Water will be on at 7:00 AM and off at 9:00 PM. **NOTE:** The City of White Bear Lake has set a watering ban from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. No lawn sprinkling is permitted during this period. The ban does **not affect food gardens**. Watering with a sprinkler is not allowed at the garden, but you can use a hose or watering can.
4. Garden Committee will not be responsible for policing the area or assume liability for vandalism to the gardens or their contents.
5. The Garden Committee will not be responsible for nor assume liability for accidents or injury to participants or others, either on or adjacent to the garden area.
6. No refunds will be made without written request and none will be made after June 1.
7. The Garden Committee reserves the right to reassign the plots after June 1.
8. The two-plot maximum is effective until **May 15, 2018**. After that date all unassigned lots will be available for rental. Returning gardeners will have plot request priority if they wish to retain the same plot from last year.
9. The committee will clear the plots after harvest and confiscate any stakes, baskets, etc. left behind.

As a Gardener I agree to the following:

1. Supply my own seed or plant sets, fertilizer, hose and tools. Watering is my responsibility
2. I will limit the activity of my family and myself to my plot, and use walkways to and from my plot, and keep walkways clear of weeds.
3. Small children will be kept under supervision when in the garden area and will not be left to interfere with other gardens in any way. My children will not run through and around the garden area. This is the time for children to learn to garden, have them help in any way you can. Remember they are potential future gardeners.
4. NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE GARDENS for sanitary reasons.
5. Plant Sunflowers and Corn so those crops do not shade adjoining plots.
6. I will keep my garden free of weeds. (Weeds allowed to grow to seed bring more weeds. Pulled weeds must be disposed of off site.)
7. Keep garden pests under control. Spraying must be done with approved pesticides. **USE OF HERBICIDES OF ANY KIND IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** We offer organic gardening.
8. I will harvest produce from my own garden only. (Harvest all your produce. If you have more than you can eat share with others in your community.)
9. Clean all plants from my garden by **October 15** and any stakes, wire tomato cages, or any garden support devices will be removed and stored off site.
10. Keep main pathway free of hoses by wrapping the hose back on the hanger provided on the spigot post at all times for the mowing of the water aisles and non-productive areas.
11. I will be responsible for my assigned water spigot handle and return it to the committee at the end of the season.
12. My plot will not be transferred or sub rented without approval from the White Bear Lake United Methodist Church Garden Committee.

We welcome all who come to garden and provide healthy produce for your loved ones. Please help us to make this a joyous occasion for all who answer the call of Mother Earth to plant, and to grow and enjoy the harvest of produce that only gardeners know and appreciate. Get acquainted with those who garden around you, for you all have a common love of the feel of dirt on our hands and the great feeling that comes from doing something we all enjoy.

~ The Garden Committee