

**United City of Yorkville  
Community Garden Regulations 2011**

- I. The City of Yorkville shall undertake the following:
1. Begin accepting applications from gardeners on March 5, 2011.
  2. Require fees of \$20 to \$35 for each garden plot depending upon the size.
  3. Till and prepare the garden plots for planting, (10 x 10 or 15 x 20).
  4. Identify each garden plot by a letter/number.
  5. Make water accessible to gardeners.
  6. As of April 15, 2011, if plots are available, the City shall assign gardeners in order of date of application requesting two plots.
  7. Plots shall be assigned on a first come, first served basis with 1 plot allowed per gardener until April 15, 2011.
  8. After May 15, 2011, if unassigned plots remain, the City shall make garden plots available to non-resident gardeners.
  9. Plots that have not been planted by June 15, 2011, will be reassigned with no fee shall be refunded to the original gardener.
  10. Plots must be cleared by this November 1. Gardeners who do not clean up their plot may not be able to participate in the community garden the following year.
  11. The City shall not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.

II. **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation:**

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document.
2. I agree usage shall commence May 1, 2011 and terminate November 1, 2011.
3. I will have something planted and keep my garden weeded all summer long.
4. I will clear my plot by the date indicated above.
5. I will keep my plot clear of weeds, pests, and diseases. If I am unable to maintain the garden, I will receive notification that the garden is in unacceptable condition. I understand it may be mowed or tilled if I do not remedy the situation within 3 days.
6. I will not expand my plot beyond its original measurement. I will keep my plants within the boundaries of my garden.
7. I will keep my plot paths and surrounding areas neat. I will dispose of trash and compost in designated areas.
8. I will not bring household trash or compost to the Community Garden for disposal.
9. I shall not keep personal property at the site.
10. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, *etc.* from the plot by November 1. If materials are not cleared, I will not be eligible to reserve a plot the following year.
11. I shall not transfer the use of the garden plot to another person. Others may garden on my plot but I am responsible for clean up, fees,, and all other rules outlined here.
12. I will not bring pets to the Community Garden.
13. I am responsible for the behavior of family members, children, and others who visit the community garden with me. I will watch so that children do not walk across plots of fellow gardeners.
- 14. I know that organic methods are enforced. I will not use any herbicide, pesticide, or fertilizer that is harmful to the environment, people, or animals. Any product I use will not impact gardens other than my own. I will ask the Illinois Extension Master Gardeners for advice when I am unsure of how to respond to weeds, pests, or disease.**

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15. I will not use plastic or any other non-porous material for ground cover.
16. I will use wooden stakes. I know that rebar and metal posts are not allowed.
17. I will park on the street and will not drive on the grass.
18. I will return buckets, carts, and other Community Garden property to the assigned place.
19. I know that I can bring bagged clippings and other compost from home. All materials added to the garden must be tilled/turned in so that they don't blow or otherwise encroach on other garden plots.
20. I agree that I will not add grass clippings that contain seed heads or clippings from lawns that incorporate chemicals for lawn care.
21. I know I am responsible for bringing buckets to transport water to my plot.
22. I will practice good safety habits including keeping paths clear of tools and other belongings.
23. I agree to only use the paths provided to move around the Community Garden. I will not walk through other garden plots.
24. I, nor those with me, will take food from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything that is not rightfully mine.
25. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music, radio, or other media while gardening in order to maintain the natural atmosphere of the garden.
26. I will demonstrate respect for others by not using abusive or profane language or physically harassing or discriminating against others.
27. I know that the University of Illinois Extension office will try to provide Master Gardener volunteers that will be available to answer questions should I need gardening advice.
28. I will obey all United City of Yorkville Park Department ordinances while at the Community Garden.
29. I agree to indemnify and hold the City harmless and its officers, agents and employees from any and claims, acts, liabilities, losses, or judgments arising from my participation in the Yorkville Community Garden Program.

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I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_