

COMMUNITY GARDEN @ CALVARY ON 8TH

2024 Garden Guidelines

1. A deposit of \$10 (small, 4'x10') and \$20 (large, 8'x10') will be collected to secure your plot. This amount will be refunded if your plot is maintained throughout the summer and properly cleaned out by the closing date, in October. Deposits unclaimed by the first of November will be contributed to Calvary's Community Garden Fund.
2. Please plan to spend at least one hour tending your garden plot each week from mid-May through mid-October.
3. Please let the garden coordinators know if you need help with anything or plan to be out of town for an extended period of time.
4. If you plan to discontinue use of your plot, please let the garden coordinators know as soon as possible so that it can be reassigned to another gardener.
5. Please keep your plot weeded so that weeds do not go to seed or spread into neighboring plots.
6. Please pull any weeds that grow in the walkways around your plot and keep them mulched and walkable.
7. If your plot or the surrounding walkways become unkempt, you will be asked to clean them and given assistance if possible. If it doesn't get better within 7 days, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
8. Please put weeds into the compost bins provided. Place garbage in the paper trash bag in the shed. If it is full, please empty it into a trash bag and put it in the dumpster on the side of the church.
9. Please consult with the garden coordinators before planting any tall crops like sunflowers. They must be planted where they will not shade or fall on neighbors' plots.
10. Please pick only your own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
11. Please do not use fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents unless you get them approved by the garden coordinators.
12. Please do not plant marijuana, in accordance with Michigan law, which forbids the growing of marijuana in places that are visible in public.
13. Please supervise children and pets in the garden at all times to be sure others' plots are not hurt.
14. When finished gardening for the day, please clean and return all tools to the shed, put lids on all compost bins, and lock the shed. Please note any items in the shed that need replacing.
15. Please clean up the shed and attempt to leave it nicer than you found it.
16. Please do not share the shed lock combination with anyone.
17. All gardeners are expected to help with general garden maintenance or upkeep. E.g. putting up or taking down fencing, mowing/trimming the garden paths, planning events, etc.
18. Please report theft, vandalism, and unusual activity to the garden coordinators.

If any of the guidelines are violated, the garden coordinators will contact you and offer to help remedy the situation. Please remember that our garden is a community project and we must all work together to ensure everyone has a great experience.

I understand that neither the garden coordinators nor Calvary Reformed Church are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS CALVARY REFORMED CHURCH FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.