

## **Greener Oconomowoc**

### **Community Garden Rules and Guidelines - 2021**

1. I will use the garden at the sole discretion of the City of Oconomowoc and Greener Oconomowoc, and agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines. Breaking of the rules could possibly lead to the exclusion from the garden and loss of the plot.
2. The fee for a 10-foot by 10-foot garden plot is \$25.00. Payment for the plot is required before any gardening begins. The garden year is from April 1st to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All produce must be harvested and the plot site cleaned and re-mulched by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Households may rent no more than two plots per season, unless some plots remain available after June 15<sup>th</sup>; those third or fourth rented plots must be relinquished the following year. Non-residents of the City of Oconomowoc may rent a plot after June 15<sup>th</sup>, if plots are available.
3. The garden plots are to be totally organic, which allows for the use of only materials certified for organic gardening. Commercial chemical pesticides and fertilizers not certified for organic gardening are not to be used; this includes insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides. Some organic materials to use might include pheromone traps, horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, hot pepper sprays, and organic compost. Carpets cannot be used for mulch or on footpaths as they contain dye, foam, chemicals and sometimes heavy metals.
4. I agree to keep my plants within the limits of my 10 foot by 10 foot plot, not expanding into the common pathways or other gardeners' plots. I will not shade other gardeners' plots with tall plants within my plot. I will use a sprinkling can or hose to water my plants/ plot, taking care not to dampen others' plants or plots.
5. I will strive to keep my plot free of excessive weeds, pests and diseases. I will keep my plot, common pathways, and surrounding areas neat and clean during the gardening season. I will place my excess vegetation on the designated compost site, put trash in the proper receptacles, put rocks and stones in the designated area, and take items such as hoes, rakes, cups, bags, etc. home with me after each garden visit. Diseased or insect infested plants are to be disposed of in a garbage container on the garden grounds or taken home and disposed of; diseased and insect infested plants are not to be put on the communal compost pile.
6. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all of the garden rules/guidelines. I am responsible for the behavior of my guests, and will supervise them while they are visiting the garden. Gardening, or visiting of the garden, is to occur only between sunrise and sunset. Pets are not allowed. Feeding of animals, such as squirrels, chipmunks, deer, etc. is not allowed at the garden site.

7. All gardeners, in addition to keeping their plot(s) free of excessive weeds, are required to pull any weeds that grow in the fencing on any side(s) of their plot(s). Also, gardeners are asked to keep one-half of the common pathway bordering their plot(s) weed free. A member of the Garden Committee will serve as a Garden Monitor to remind gardeners to keep their plot, and especially adjoining communal areas, free of weeds.
8. I will keep no more than (3) pieces of garden art items within the confines of my garden.
9. All gardeners are encouraged to have input in the running of the garden by sharing any ideas as to how to improve the garden, or to express any concerns to the Garden Committee. During the course of the gardening season, the Garden Committee will arrange for a speaker and to have a garden potluck; all are invited and encouraged to participate. The Garden Committee will also arrange for one or two communal work days for mulching pathways, etc. As the garden has no paid staff, help is always appreciated and needed.
10. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize in a neighborly manner. I will not enter other gardeners' plots, or remove anything from their plots. I will be respectful of others' rights to garden in a peaceful setting; I will not have a radio or other electronic devices on that will disturb other gardeners.
11. All gardeners must complete, sign and date a reservation form and sign and date a waiver and release of liability form. Neither the City of Oconomowoc nor Greener Oconomowoc is liable in case of an accident, theft or vandalism.
12. Persons who rent a garden plot(s) the previous year will be given an opportunity to rent the same plots again the following year. They will be given a two-week notice to sign up for the same plot(s) or to choose different, formerly rented plot(s), before the general public has an opportunity to do so.

***Community Garden Locations: 815 South Worthington Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
and 801 South Worthington Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066***

If there are any questions regarding the rules/guidelines or other garden related issues, please contact the volunteer Garden Coordinator, Audrey Lasse, at (262) 569-0909.