



Red Wing Community Garden Contract

The goal of the Red Wing Community Garden is to provide an area for individuals and families to grow an organic garden, and to build and nurture community friendships and to share and grow gardening skills.

Spring Creek Garden is located one mile south of Hwy 61 on Spring Creek Avenue (Cty Rd 53), Bluff Garden is located at Fourth and Bluff Streets in downtown Red Wing. A single garden plot will be approximately 10x20', double garden plots may also be available at about 20x20'. Plots designed for special needs may also be available, if you have specific needs please state them on your application, attempts to make reasonable accommodations will be made. A fee of \$20.00 per single plot or \$30 per double plot should be paid at the time of application (this is a non-refundable fee), financial assistance is available upon request. Gardeners from one year will have first opportunity to continue their gardens the following year, and their plot will be reserved for them as soon as payment for the following year is made.

Master Gardeners and others will offer organic gardening seminars and/or newsletters throughout the gardening season. This information will be designed to help everyone work smarter not harder and to grow the most bounty for your work as well as develop a sense of community among all gardeners. The seminars will be open to community gardeners and others interested. We are excited about the prospect of having a community garden, and hope that all involved will have a great gardening season.

We are also encouraging all plot holders to Plant a Row for the hungry, participation is not mandatory; however all produce from these rows will be donated to the local food shelf. We also encourage plot holders to donate any extra produce to the food shelf as well. Red Wing local food shelf is in the basement of First Lutheran Church 615 W 5th St, Red Wing, MN 55066 (entrance on West Ave), check with them or on our website for other drop sites and times.

Garden Etiquette:

- Introduce yourself and build a **stronger community!!**
- If planting tall crops, do so where they won't shade other garden plots.
- Weed and maintain your garden regularly as weed seeds quickly spread and make more work for other gardeners.
- Remove pests and diseased plants often as they also quickly spread.
- Never borrow tools from another gardener without permission.
- Do not pick any planting from another plot even if you think that plot has been abandoned or neglected.
- Please walk with care, and do not trample surrounding plants in another plot.
- Do not remove plot markers, if you are unsure of your boundaries please contact the Community Garden Coordinator.
- Children are welcome at the Community Garden; however please watch them and monitor their activities so that they do not disturb fellow gardeners or their plots.
- Use personal music players instead of radios in the garden and please no loud cell phone use.
- Do not bring pets to the gardening area.
- Place all rocks removed from your garden in the designated area.
- If you have a concern or issue with a gardening neighbor please address it with him/her in a neighborly manner if the issue cannot be resolved please contact the Gardening Coordinator to aid in the matter.

Red Wing Community Garden Rules

Please note that we are still in our infancy and it is a learning process. If you have any suggestions or comments please kindly share them! We are looking forward to many years of happy gardening and to growing gardening in our community.

Planting Rules and Responsibilities

- I plan to attend the work weekend in May and October. or will speak to the garden coordinator regarding work opportunities.
- I will plant my garden promptly.
- I will harvest all my plant material at the end of season as directed by gardening coordinator.
- I will prepare my plot for ground cover as directed by the garden coordinator.
- I will compost all plant material, and carry out all garbage. I will not put trash in the compost pile.
- I will maintain my garden plot, including weeding. I will be notified if my plot is excessively weedy and will be given a reasonable period to clean it up. If I do not comply, my plot may be forfeited to another gardener.
- I will not plant trees, shrubs, etc. in the community garden.
- I will not use synthetic (non-organic) chemicals. For the health of our community, it is the goal of the community garden to have a strictly organic garden, only natural herbicides and pesticides and other organic methods may be used. The use of chemicals such as Miracle Grow and Round Up are restricted. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your organic or other gardening questions, and a list of websites can be provided on how to maintain your plot organically.
- I will plant only annual plants (or remove and over-winter perennial plants elsewhere).
- I will not extend my garden past the plot markers. Or will be asked to remove plants that extend past the markers, and if not done in a 2 week period, plants may be removed without warning.
- I will keep aisles and walkways free of tools and weeds.
- I will not plant invasive species such as mint, comfrey etc. as may spread to other areas of the garden.
- If I must abandon my garden I will notify the Garden Coordinator as soon as possible.
- I will not bring pets to the garden.
- I understand that neither the Community Garden committee nor the City of Red Wing are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.
- Commercial operations are prohibited.

Previous plot holders will be able to continue their past plot upon request and have the option to move if a plot becomes vacant. New plot holders' plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis after the deadline for current plot holders. A lottery system will be used if necessary for plot assignments. We will make every attempt possible to accommodate everyone's requests and try to fill plots in as fair a manner as we can reasonably do so.

A final Gardening contract may be sent to you prior to the start of the season if any changes to the above are made.
Gardening Coordinator for 2010 growing season: Melissa Brueschke rwcommgarden@gmail.com
For additional information please visit www.rwcommgardens.org



Red Wing Community Garden

Application and Contract:

Primary gardener contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

I am requesting a fee waiver

New Community Garden Plot Holders, please indicate the following:

- Single Plot Double Plot Spring Creek Garden Bluff Garden
 I would like up to _____ more single plots if available in the _____ garden. (Do not pay for this until you have received confirmation from the Community Garden Coordinator.)

If you had a garden last year please indicate the following:

- I plan on keeping ONLY the exact plot I had last year
 I plan on keeping my past plot and adding a single/double plot in the _____ garden if available
 I plan on letting go of my past garden and adding a single/double plot in the _____ garden, if a plot is not available in the garden I requested I would like to keep/drop my past garden.

If you have any requests, or have any special needs regarding your garden plot please let us, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests. _____

Red Wing Community Garden will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damages, nor will the Red Wing Community Garden be responsible for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, or tools, or plantings. There is no security for any personal belongings. Failure to follow any garden or public area rules and regulations, after reasonable attempt to notify gardener, will result in loss of gardening plot. Gardener may seek to re-establish gardening privileges but is asked to stay out of the gardening area until the issue is resolved. The gardener will not be eligible for any refund or reimbursement for any seed, plantings, or other materials left at gardening site.

Please make sure that you have read and understand the attached rules and guideline sheet, and sign below indicating that you agree to the rules and conditions of the Red Wing community Gardens.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact the Garden Coordinator with any questions or mail this application and send your plot fee to this year's Garden Coordinator:

Melissa Brueschke, 1129 West Ave., Red Wing, Mn. 55066 or by email: rwcommgarden@gmail.com or visit us at www.rwcommgardens.org.

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| For Office use only: Gardener paid in full _____ (Garden Coordinator: initial received here) Gardener is a continuing plot holder <input type="checkbox"/> Gardener has selected/been assigned a plot <input type="checkbox"/> |
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