

ROCK COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



Garden Opening/Closing: The garden will open in early May. Please check <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/community-gardens> for the status of the garden. No refunds will be given after May 1st of each year. The garden will close October 31st of each year. *Gardeners are required to remove all vegetation, structures, cardboard, fencing, weed cloth, and level their plots back out. Gardeners that do not comply with this will not be allowed to rent the following season. Gardeners may place vegetation in the compost pile.*

Weeding: Gardeners must maintain a clean looking plot. Those who have a neglected plot will be notified and given one week to remove the weeds. If a gardener does not comply, the plot will be mowed off at the discretion of Rock County Land Conservation Department. The gardener will not be allowed to rent the following year,

Garbage/Composting: There is no garbage pickup at the garden, so all trash must be taken with you. Plant materials can be deposited into the compost area. Do not place any brush or garbage in the compost pile. Compost is sometimes available at the garden. Please help yourself while materials last. The compost pile is located south of the community garden beds.

Water: Water is available at the gardens. There are two hydrants with multiple faucets. Please supply your own hose or watering can.

Soil Preparation: A soil finisher is ran over the beds in the spring before the garden opens. *Additional tillage is the responsibility of the gardeners.* Gardeners may use hand tools or gas powered rototillers in the community garden.

Fertilizing/Mulching: Gardeners may apply organic or chemical fertilizer. Make sure the chemical fertilizers do not contain pesticides, as these products are not allowed in the community gardens.

Plot Size: Each garden plot is approximately 20'x25'. Each plot will be marked before the garden opens with flags. Please maintain a 2 foot buffer around the border of your plot, as the pathways need to stay clear.

RECAP Participants: The Sheriff's Office RECAP Participants often work in and around the community garden areas. If you observe inappropriate behavior or language, please report it to both the Rock County Sheriff's Department (608-757-8018) and the Rock County Land Conservation Department (608-931-5135). Be sure to report the date and time of the incident.