

**Worth Park District Community Garden Plots
2020 Agreement & Code of Conduct**

1. I will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and all Park District and Village ordinances.
2. I will plant my garden plot by June 1 or forfeit the plot without refund.
3. I am the gardener that will use the plot. I understand that I may not sublet or transfer my plot. Payment for, planting, maintenance, cleanup and other duties in the plot are my responsibility.
4. I understand all plots are rented in their existing condition.
5. I understand that the Community Garden Plots of the Worth Park District is a public park, and the public cannot be banned from this area.
6. I understand the Park District assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property. The Park District is not responsible for replacement or reimbursement for any lost seeds, plants, produce, tools, or any other items I bring to the garden plot due to vandalism, theft, weather, or any other reason.
7. I understand if I observe illegal activity, such as theft, alcohol use or vandalism I should contact the Police Department.
8. I understand the food and flowers I grow on my garden plot are for personal consumption/use and not for commercial purposes.
9. I will always wear proper attire, including shirt and shoes.
10. I will keep my car in the designated parking areas.
11. I will remove all debris, plant supports, trellises, etc. prior to October 31.
12. I will not expand my plot beyond its boundaries into the paths or other plots.
13. I will not plant perennials, trees, or shrubs.
14. I understand that personal property, including tools and clothing, should not be left at the garden plots for safety and aesthetic reasons, and the Park District is not responsible for theft of personal items.
15. I will keep my plot free of weeds, rotting produce, trash, and other debris. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified the Park District and given 7 days to weed and clean my plot. If I do not maintain my plot within the 7-day grace period, I understand it will be forfeited and no refund issued.
16. I understand that weeds must be removed in a timely manner to prevent unsightliness and the propagation of weed seeds into adjoining plots.
17. I will keep my plot, paths and surrounding area clean and neat. I will put compost, recyclables and trash in designated areas. I will practice good safety habits for myself and fellow gardeners by keeping paths clear of tools and debris.
18. I will not bring household trash or landscape waste and leave it at the garden plots or park. It is illegal to dump on public property.
19. I agree to remove excess lumber, fencing, plant supports, bags and other materials not being used and store them elsewhere for safety and aesthetic reasons.
20. I understand I may use trellis structures and plant supports as long as they do not present a safety hazard or shade another gardener's plot.
21. When planting near the boundaries of my plot, I will leave adequate space for growth so mature plants do not grow into neighboring plots. Plants that protrude beyond the plot boundaries into the other plots will be trimmed by the Park District.

22. I agree to carry water from water spigots to my plot in my own containers and understand that hoses are not allowed.
23. I understand that standing water presents a health hazard as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
24. I understand that water is a precious and limited natural resource, and I will practice good water conservation methods and follow any posted watering restrictions.
25. In the spirit of community and cooperation, I will treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors and visitors with respect and consideration. Violation of this rule may result in expulsion from the garden program.
26. I will not enter other gardeners' plots, and I will not remove plants, vegetables, tools, or any other items that do not belong to me.
27. I will not move soil, dig channels, create berms or otherwise change the landscape beyond the boundaries of my plot. I will not make any permanent changes to the garden.
28. I will not damage or destroy any property at the Community Garden Plots.
29. I understand that if my gardening practices negatively affect another gardener, I may be requested to alter those practices by the Park District.
30. I understand that the Park District reserves the right to remove objectionable items from the garden plots.
31. I will wear headphones if I wish to listen to music.
32. I will not use profane or abusive language, or physically harass or discriminate against others.
33. I will communicate respectfully with neighboring gardeners.
34. I will fully supervise my children and prevent them from wandering into other gardeners' plots.
35. I understand that dogs and other pets are not permitted in the garden plot area.

I have received a copy of the 2020 Community Garden Plot Manual. I have read and agree to abide by the above garden rules and policies, and those found in the Garden Plot Manual. I understand that failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of my garden plot without refund, and my future gardening privileges will be revoked.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone Number

Email Address