



## 2019 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT AGREEMENT

**As a Garden Plot participant, I agree to abide by the policies and practices set forth in this document and within the *Naperville Park District Garden Plot Guidelines*.**

### ***I understand that:***

- Each garden plot is rented to one person who has the sole responsibility for following the rules and regulations. Family members or guests may garden in my plot, but I am responsible for their actions.
- The Park District does not guarantee a certain number of gardening weeks per season.
  - The scheduled opening day of April 13, 2019 is tentative (dependent on weather and soil conditions) and may be delayed.
  - The closing date will remain the same even if the garden plots opening date is delayed.
- The last day to garden will be Monday, October 14, 2019; the garden plots will officially close after this date.
  - Garden plot rentals, and parking permits, expire on the closing date.
  - Access/entry to the garden plots before or after the designated open dates is not allowed.
- The parking permit must be visibly displayed in my vehicle at all times while I'm gardening.
  - The garden plot parking permit may only be used for the purpose of tending to my garden plot and not for special event parking.
- Personal property should not be left in my plot(s). The Park District is not responsible for vandalism or theft.
- I must keep my garden plot(s) weeded throughout the entire gardening season, even when out of town.
  - I am allowed no more than 1/3 of my plot(s) to be covered with weeds 12" or taller.
  - I will be contacted by the Park District if my plot needs to be weeded.
  - I must weed my plot by the designated time listed in the *Garden Plot Guidelines* or my plot will be mowed.
  - If my plot is mowed I will no longer be able to garden in it, and I will not receive Priority Registration for the next gardening season.
- By the end of the day on Monday, October 14, 2019, all non-plant materials (stakes, fencing, watering cans, tools, etc.) must be removed from my plot(s). All produce that I wish to keep must be collected prior to the closing date.
- Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Park District reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
- Smoking, use of electronic vapor devices, or other use of tobacco products is prohibited within Park District parks, including the garden plots, and may only be used in the parking lot.
- All other Park District ordinances; state and local laws must be obeyed at all times.

### ***I will also:***

- Use the Park District's *Weather Cancellations & Facility Closures Rainout Line* or *Garden Plot Facebook* page to check on the official opening date, limited access dates, and closures for the Garden Plots.
- Access my plot(s) only during the designated open dates/rental period, and only between the hours of sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Park in the parking lot or on the west side of the interior roads. Parking is not allowed in plots or on grass areas.
- Plant in my assigned plot and within the plot boundaries identified by the Park District.
  - If I plant outside of this boundary I understand that these items will be mowed.

- Plant my garden by the deadline noted in the *Garden Plot Guidelines*.
- Refrain from placing any items in the aisles and never place rocks, gravel or plastic sheeting in my plot(s) or the aisles.
- Transport my own water from the spigots; hoses are not allowed. Any exceptions must be approved by the Garden Plot Manager.
- Place only onsite generated weeds and garden waste in the large dumpsters that are located throughout the plots, and not in the blue recycling or green garbage cans.
- Use herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, and fertilizers responsibly if I am in the regular gardening section.
- Only use organic gardening products in my plot(s) if I am renting in the organic gardening section.
- Be respectful of other gardeners by keeping my garden plot neat and tidy and free of items that may disrupt other garden plot participants.
- Keep my contact information and email address up to date with the Park District.

I have read and understand the above and accept the policies, practices, and rules & regulations for the Community Garden Plots program. I understand that violation of the garden plot policies, practices, and rules & regulations may result in my removal from the program, the loss of priority registration, and/or a fine.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Name (Please Print)*

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*Plot(s) #*