

Garden Plot Rules

- Gardens are open from dawn to dusk.
- **Per the Village of Arlington Heights Health Department, any and all watering buckets, cans, containers, and pails must be emptied after each use and left upside down to prevent the breeding of mosquitos. Any type of rain barrel(s) must be covered or have a proper screen.**
- Glass containers are prohibited in community gardens.
- Gardeners are responsible for bringing their own supplies and tools. All supplies must be removed before the end of the garden season.
- No garbage cans are provided at the gardens. Renters are responsible for bringing any garbage, non-biodegradable materials home. Garbage cans at the park are for “trash only”. Please do not dispose of any landscape waste in the park district garbage cans.
- Dogs and all other domestic animals are prohibited in the garden area.
- Use of herbicides (weed killers), and pesticides (insect killers) are prohibited.
- Gardeners are asked to visit their plot at least once each week. The Park District asks your assistance in keeping up your plot for the entire season.
- We encourage the use of biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw, and hay. Carpet mulch and wood chips are prohibited. Black plastic and weed fabric is allowed, but must be removed before the end of the season.
- Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of garden plots so they do not shade neighbor’s plants.
- Gardeners are expected to keep vines out of neighboring plots.
- If you have a surplus of vegetables or fruits, please contact a nearby food pantry to donate.
- **Picking from neighbors’ plants is prohibited. If you see someone stealing from or otherwise damaging garden plot, please call the police. The Park District is not responsible for stolen or lost crops, equipment, etc.**
- The garden is not available for commercial use. Selling of produce on-site is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the garden area.
- Gardeners are not allowed to erect any structures on their garden plots. Trellises and light fencing is allowed, as long as they do not cast shade on other garden plots. All fencing, boards, trellises must be removed at end of season.
- Once the gardens are CLOSED for the season, any non-biodegradable items left on site will be considered abandoned and will be disposed.