

LISLE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM RULES

The garden plots are located on the southwest corner of River Road Park, at Maple Avenue and River Road. Parking is allowed on the east side of River Road for pull-in parking only. If the parking lot is full, please be mindful of the surrounding neighbors. Illegal parking will not be tolerated. Please be aware of muddy conditions when pulling into the plots. **Do not drive into the plots area when the ground is wet!**

The plots are all marked in the center with a wooden stake labeled with the corresponding plot identification. The center identification stakes are intended to be permanent, please do not remove it. The four corners of each 10' by 15' plot are marked with wooden stakes. When conditions allow, the tilled plots (numbers 1-40) will be tilled at the conclusion of the program. The remaining plots (numbers 41-100) will not be tilled. These untilled plots are for those gardeners who prefer to fill their own plot(s). If gardeners wish to amend their plot(s) by planting seeds, they must understand that when tilling occurs during off-season, any amendments added may be dispersed to other plots.

The Lisle Park District will try to accommodate gardeners who wish to continue to use the same plots by offering advance registration, but the park district reserves the right to reassign plots from one season to the next. The plot rental season will run from April 1st through November 1st.

In efforts to allow for an enjoyable experience for all participants, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- o River Road Park and the garden plots are only open dawn until dusk.
- o Alcohol is prohibited on Park District property as per Conduct Ordinance 2-02.
- o Grilling is prohibited.
- o Selling items and panhandling is prohibited.
- o Prior to planting, please confirm that the center identification stake corresponds with your assigned plot(s) as stated on your confirmation letter and gardening plaque.
- o Assigned plots must be planted by May 31st. Any plot not tended to by this date will be reassigned.
- o No dumping is allowed. Gardeners may bring grass clippings and mulch for their plot(s) but stockpiling any material for later use is not permitted. All materials must be kept in your designated plot(s).
- o Compost must be in enclosed compost containers.
- o Materials such as string, plastic, fence stakes, stones, fencing, weeds, etc. should not be left in the aisles. Gardeners must remain within their own plot while working. Do not put or leave anything in the aisle. Do not extend or move the stakes or ropes.
- o Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their plot(s) to the boundaries from corner stake to corner stake. If weeds grow to a height of 12" and/or go to seed, the Parks Department has the right to mow the entire plot. Gardeners will not get a courtesy call or warning.
- o There is no water available at the Garden Plots. It is the gardener's responsibility to bring water to their plot(s). Small rain barrels no higher than 2 feet from the ground are permitted. The rain barrel must be contained within the plot.
- o Tilled plots cannot build fencing, raised beds or arches without prior written approval from the Park District.

- o Do not hang anything from trees without written consent from the Park District. This includes, and is not limited to, birdhouses, birdfeeders, food products, animal carcasses, decorations. Items such as bones and meat that could attract unwanted critters is not permitted.
- o Do not stockpile or keep any non-gardening items anytime in your plot, this means during and/or after the season. Garden plots are not a storage area, they are to be used as a garden only.
- o Glass containers such as aquariums or windowpanes are not allowed at any time in the plots.
- o Loose items of any kind cannot be stored in plots this includes empty jugs, empty planters, pots, tools, loose rocks, wood.
- o Gardeners are responsible for removing all non-biodegradable and biodegradable materials at the conclusion of the program. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting one's right to participate in future gardening seasons and may affect their security deposit.
- o The Lisle Park District is not responsible for theft, damage, vandalism, or any other acts of destruction, loss, or irresponsibility. Please report any vandalism, theft, or suspicious activity immediately to the Parks Department at 630-968-1012. Call "911" for all emergencies.
- o Garden Plots are non-transferable unless you have received a written approval from the Lisle Park District.
- o Please practice social distancing and wear a face mask. Be respectful to your neighbors & fellow gardeners. This includes following any state orders and additional guidelines as they become available.

Please respect others' gardening techniques and individual plots. Whether you garden solely for the bounty it hopes to provide, for exercise, to be social, for therapy, or a combination of all these things, everyone deserves the right to enjoy this experience. Through respectful interaction and proper communication, we hope everyone can enjoy his or her gardening experience.

The Garden Plot Fee per plot is: \$45 for Residents and \$65 for Non-residents. There is a strict no refund policy for the Garden Plots Fee.

Each garden plots require a \$50 security deposit check that will be returned only if these above rules are followed. The picture below is what your **TILL** plot should look like at the end of the season in order to receive your security deposit back. **All** fencing, vegetative matter and personal belongings must be removed.

NO TILL PLOTS may leave fencing and built-in décor. All vegetative matter and loose items such as water cans, pots, garbage cans, chairs, & gardening items must be removed.



Tilled plot at end of season

I agree to the above terms.

Printed Name: _____

Garden Plot Number(s): _____

Signature: _____

Check Number: _____