



# Community Garden

## Guidelines

### **Community Garden Applicant Will:**

- Prepare soils and plant/seed materials by May 31.
- Maintain gardens keeping weeds to a minimum and maintaining surrounding areas (keep tools picked up, tend to garden waste, compost pile and dispose of trash/litter).
- Agree to use only certified organic weed and pest control methods.
- All soil/mulch/manure, seeds and supplies must be secured by the gardener.
- Participate in end of season fall clean up, winterizing plot BY OCTOBER 15, (remove all garden produce, fencing, refuse and stakes) Deposits will be refunded on October 16th to those who have followed the rules during the summer and their garden is clean and ready for tilling by Public Works.
- If gardener is to put a fence around their plot perimeter, the fencing must meet the standards set by city staff.
- If a gardener must abandon their plot for any reason, they will notify the city immediately at 952.960.7902 so garden may be reassigned or maintained. No refunds will be given after May 31.
- No pets shall be brought to the garden, and children will be supervised at all times.
- No planting of tall crops where they will shade neighboring plots.

### **THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION:**

The City of Shorewood's participation will be limited to bed preparation at the outset and close of each season.

- Public Works staff will excavate the bed, remove the topsoil and rototill in the spring.
- The City will provide a park sign which identifies the site as Community Garden plots.
- The City will provide notification to the applicant if rundown conditions are noticed of their plot. The applicant will have one week to clean up the plot after which the garden plot may be reassigned and no refund given if after May 31.