

St. Anthony Park Community Garden Policies 2008

1. The St. Anthony Park Community Garden is a cooperative garden. All gardeners are expected to take an active role in tending their individual plots as well as maintaining the entire community site.
2. Each individual plot is part of a larger section supervised by a section manager. The section manager is available to answer questions and will notify garden coordinators if plots are unattended. The section managers and the garden coordinators form the garden steering committee, which makes decisions related to garden policies and procedures.
3. Flower beds (mentioned on the application) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no fee. They are located along the south side of the fence on Robbins street and are approximately 10X3 feet. These flower beds help make our garden an attractive presence in the larger community. Many people maintain perennials in these beds.
4. Garden plots are 15X20 feet. Priority is given to residents of St. Anthony Park. Remaining plots may be allocated to residents of surrounding communities. Gardeners may be allocated an additional plot if available. All applications must be received by **February 28, 2008**.
5. Plot requests are filled according to the order in which the registration forms arrive **BY MAIL**. Check or money order must be included with the application form. If requests cannot be filled, the fee will be refunded.
6. Extended season plots are available on the back row only and are not tilled. Extended season plots allow gardeners who expect to be part of the community garden in future years to include perennials in their planting. Extended season plots must be renewed each year. No trees or ornamental shrubs are allowed.
7. It is the responsibility of each gardener to follow Community Garden rules and to take an active role in administering the gardens. **All gardeners are required to attend the Annual Spring Meeting on March 22 at 9 AM in the St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Avenue (corner of Como and Hillside)** and to participate in the maintenance of their garden section.
8. Before the garden is opened for planting, the ground will be plowed and the plots marked. Applicants will be notified of their plot number and receive a copy of the Season Schedule at the Annual Spring Meeting. **Failure to attend that meeting (or to send a representative) may result in forfeiture of your plot and the return of your rental fee.**
9. In the spirit of cooperation, all gardeners shall treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors, and visitors with respect and consideration. No stealing (harvesting from others' plots without authorization), verbal or physical harassment is allowed. Violation of this rule will result in expulsion from the garden.
10. All monies are handled by the St. Anthony Park Community Council through its 501c3 account. Contributions to the Community Garden in excess of fees are tax deductible. The SAP Community Garden Coordinators will supervise all financial business.
11. Complaints, policies, and mediations are the responsibility of the Community Garden section managers and the Community Garden Coordinators, with the St. Anthony Park Community Council having final authority.
12. The following rules must be adhered to:
 - **Plots must be at least partially planted by June 4, 2008.** Plots not planted will be reassigned.
 - Gardeners must maintain plots (including adjacent aisles) throughout the growing season. Gardeners who do not maintain their plots will not be eligible for a plot in the following year.
 - Gardeners should respect each other's plots. Leave a 6" unplanted border along each plot line where there is no aisle. Do not place opaque structures where they will shade a neighboring plot.
 - Tall crops, such as sunflowers and corn, should be planted so as not to shade other gardener's plots.

- Gardeners provide their own tools and seeds. Water is available at the garden.
 - Water use is limited to 15 minutes per plot per day. Please help avoid water loss in the aisles and be considerate of other waiting gardeners.
 - Water hoses must not cross other plots and **must be attended at all times**. Water sprinklers are not permitted in the garden.
 - Weeds, if removed from your plot, are to be piled in the labeled areas for hauling to the compost site.
 - All rocks should be removed from the garden area and piled in the labeled areas. Rock borders are not permitted, including the outside flower beds. Do not dump rocks in the path.
 - Electric fence is not permitted in the garden.
 - Herbicides are not permitted in the garden. Only Garden Steering Committee approved pesticides are allowed, and their use is strongly discouraged. See postings on the Garden Bulletin Board or contact the Garden Coordinators for further information.
 - Children are welcome at the garden when accompanied by an adult. That adult is responsible for their behavior.
 - Pets are not allowed in the gardens.
13. Please contact your section manager or the Garden Coordinator if you will be moving or otherwise will be unable to maintain your plot throughout the summer.
14. Gardens must be cleared and cleaned at the end of the growing season. All stakes should be pulled and piled in the designated location and the ground made ready for fall tilling by the date announced at the annual spring meeting. **If a garden is abandoned during the year, or the gardener fails to clean up their garden in the fall, no plot will be allocated to that gardener in the following year.**
15. **Failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of an individual's plot and ineligibility for a plot in the succeeding year.**

Call 651-646-6667 if you have any questions.