

Bloomer Community Garden Guidelines 'Rules of the Row'

I agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

Disclaimer: Mayo Clinic Health System – Chippewa Valley, in permitting the use of certain excess lands for garden plots by the public, is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage incurred by any plot holder or their guests, or for the theft, loss, or destruction of personal property owned by any plot holder.

1. Gardeners will need to bring their own tools.
2. Plant your plot(s) with at least some crops by June 1, 2022.
3. Keep your plot(s) weeded and maintain the areas immediately surrounding your plot throughout the growing season. Avoid putting string or rocks in the grassy area, which are hard on the lawn mower.
4. Keep a regular garden maintenance schedule throughout the growing season and remain on-site while watering and return hoses to where they are held.
5. Arrange for a neighboring gardener to care for your plot during time away. If you need assistance in finding a gardener to help you with your plot, contact the Extension Chippewa County Office.
6. Chemical weed killers are not allowed on the plots. Insecticides may be used, but must not drift to other gardener's plots. Please follow the guidelines of [Integrated Pest Management](#), which means responding to pest problems with an effective, least-risk option. Contact the Extension Chippewa County Office with questions on pest management strategies.
7. Chemical and/or organic fertilizer may be used within your assigned plot.
8. Mulches can be used. If it is weed cloth or some similar barrier, it needs to be removed on or before October 31, 2022.
9. Take all trash home for disposal or recycling. There is no trash disposal available on-site
10. You may use the compost area for depositing garden waste. Please do not include plastics, any food waste other than fruits and vegetables, or any weeds that have seeds.
11. Harvest only your own crops unless given permission by other plot owners to harvest their crops.
12. Children may be in their family garden plot only and must be supervised at all times.
13. Pets are not allowed within the garden area.
14. You will be contacted if your plot looks neglected or improperly cared for. If a solution cannot be found then the plot may be reassigned. If you need to give up

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your plot for any reason, notify the Extension Chippewa County. Just abandoning your plot may result in forfeiting your opportunity to garden in the community garden site next year.

15. Complete fall clean-up of your garden plot(s) by October 31, 2022 and understand that failure to clean up your plot(s) will result in denial to participate the following year. Keep in mind, the water at the garden may be turned off by early October, depending on the forecast.
16. Please be respectful of other gardeners and their plots. Disrespectful language or destructive behavior is not allowed. No loud music. No smoking.

Please understand:

As the community garden is open to the public there is always the possibility of people misunderstanding the "community garden" concept. This misunderstanding might result in people picking your produce without permission. We will try to improve the communication with signage about visitor expectations. Gardeners can help avoid loss of produce by picking their own crops as soon as they are ripe to avoid others being tempted to do so.

Questions about the Bloomer Community Garden may be directed to the Extension Chippewa County at 715-726-7957.