

LAKES AREA COMMUNITY GARDEN – Mississippi River Area

APPLICATION, RULES AND AGREEMENT FORM

The Lakes Area Community Garden Development Group is sponsoring this program to promote and foster community connection between residents. This project is not only an attempt to provide an opportunity for our residents to plant and grow crops, but is also an opportunity for our residents to cultivate and grow friendships and awareness of their neighbors.

APPLICATION – For Year 2021

1. Gardener's name: _____
2. Gardener's mailing address: _____
4. Gardener's home phone: _____ cell phone: _____
5. Gardener's email address: _____
6. Number of plots requested: ____ 5 ft. x 24 ft. (**\$20** per plot – max 2 plots)
7. Total fees due: \$ _____ OR _____ Sweat Equity – duty: _____
8. List Special Needs / Concerns: _____
(NOTE: A limited number of raised beds are available for handicapped individuals - **\$20** for a 5 ft. x 10 ft. bed – max one raised bed per request.)
9. Photo permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Please check here () if you **do not** give your permission for your photo to be published.
If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know when you encounter them at the garden.

RULES

1. I agree to pay the required fee for the *Lakes Area Community Garden* (LACG) located at 1500 East River Road in Brainerd. This leasing will be for the **2021** growing season only. I understand fees must be paid prior to plot assignment and that plots and raised beds are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. I understand that payment should be made in the form of a check made out to “Brainerd FFA Alumni”. If I choose to utilize the sweat equity option in place of the fee, I will make this arrangement with Brainerd Parks and Recreation Department.
2. I understand that I'm required to contact the Brainerd Park and Recreation Department if I decide not to maintain my plot/raised bed.
3. I understand that I'm required to keep all of my plants within the limits of my garden plot/raised bed.
4. I understand that I'm required to remove diseased plant material, weeds and pests from my plot/raised bed and nearby pathways.
5. If my plot/raised bed becomes unkempt based upon Brainerd Parks and Recreation Department / designated volunteer investigation, I understand that I will be given one (1) weeks' notice to clean it up. If it is not done within that time frame, the Brainerd Parks and Recreation Department will re-assign the plot, with or without existing vegetation, or it will be tilled in. I understand that there will be no reimbursement given to me. This action may preclude me from being able to lease a community garden plot/raised bed in the future depending upon the situation and review by the LACG Development Group.
6. I understand that water will typically be available onsite until September 15th (depending on freezing weather factors); further, that I'm required to clear my plot of all vegetation by **October 15, 2021**.
7. I understand that although I'm not required to attend LACG informational meetings, I should try to attend any such meetings in order to stay informed about happenings at the LACG.
8. I commit to using organic gardening methods and will not use chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) in or near the gardens. Contact UMN Extension Master Gardeners from Crow Wing County at (218) 824-1000 extension 4040 (Help Line) for information on recommended gardening practices.

9. I understand that if I'm planning on planting tall plants such as corn, sunflower, etc, I must inform these intentions prior to plot assignment since only specific areas within the community garden will be dedicated to tall plants (southeast corner). Tall plants will be restricted to only designated plots so they don't shade neighboring plots.
10. I will plant only annual plants (no perennials) in my plot/raised bed.
11. I understand that I'm required to keep trash, litter and rocks cleared from my plot/raised bed, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
12. I understand that disease-free plant material can be added to the designated compost area. I understand that I'm fully responsible for removing diseased plants from the garden.
13. I understand that I'm required to be respectful of the availability of water. I understand that I am responsible for watering my own plot/raised bed. Water will be supplied through watering spigots located within the community garden. I can transport water from the spigots to my plot/raised bed by using buckets and/or watering cans. I can also, carefully, use garden hoses.
14. I will not plant illegal plants. I will not smoke, chew tobacco, drink alcoholic beverages or use illegal drugs while at the community garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not use fireworks or make fires. I will not bring weapons.
15. I will not attempt to construct any fencing or permanent structures in or around my garden plot or the community garden project area. Any tools or materials used in the planting or maintenance of my plot will be taken with me after each visit. No electric or gas powered equipment may be used in the gardens by the gardeners or their guest(s). I also understand that no one is responsible for storing my tools if I leave them behind.
16. I understand that I'm responsible for making sure the gates are locked when I leave the garden.
17. If I choose to listen to music I will use headphones so as not to disturb the tranquility of the garden.
18. I understand that if I bring children to the garden I will monitor their behavior and whereabouts at all times.
19. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and that of any children I bring to the garden.
20. I will not bring pets or other animals to the community garden area and will limit the number of my guests, so as to not disrupt the neighboring gardeners. I understand that I'm responsible for the actions of any guest(s) that I invite to my garden plot.
21. I understand that I'm expected to use common courtesy and be considerate of my gardening neighbors.
22. I understand that although the *Lakes Area Community Garden* is located on city property, the City of Brainerd is not responsible for any accidents and/or injuries that may occur at the site.

AGREEMENT

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand all the rules listed above and that I plan to abide by all of these rules. I understand that the garden development group, the Brainerd Parks and Recreation Department, the City of Brainerd, the Brainerd FFA Alumni nor any volunteers assisting at the LACG are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless all listed on the previous sentence for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests. I understand that failure to abide by all the rules listed on this document will result in forfeiture of my gardening privileges.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Gardener

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Brainerd Parks & Recreation Department

Please make check payable to:
Brainerd FFA Alumni

Please turn in this form and payment to:
Brainerd Parks & Recreation Department
501 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401

For questions, comments or more information contact:

Brainerd Parks & Recreation Department
Phone Number: (218) 828-2320
Website: www.ci.brainerd.mn.us/parks

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