

Lake City Community Garden Agreement & Rules 2026

1. I will plant my garden by June 1st and will keep the garden planted all season long.
2. I will plant only annual vegetables or flowers (no perennials or invasive species.)
3. I will adequately and regularly water my own plot.
4. I will keep weeds under control and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot. Suitable mulches include newspaper, shredded paper, grass and straw. (Do not use wood mulch as it removes nitrogen from the soil as it breaks down.)
5. I will only use organic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.
6. If I erect a fence, the fence will be of a material and color that blends in with the garden (avoid bright colors that attract attention)
7. I will keep the paths free from litter, plant growth, and rocks. I will put the rocks I remove from my garden in the designated location.
8. I will make sure the shed doors are closed and securely locked when leaving the Community Garden
9. I will turn off all water spigots after use, release the pressure on the hose ends, and coil all hoses neatly on the posts provided.
10. Any children that accompany me will be supervised by an adult at all times. Pets will be on leash and under control at all times
11. I will harvest only from my garden, unless I have permission to harvest from someone else's garden.
12. I will park only in designated areas.
13. If able, I will assist in mowing the paths.
14. I will maintain a working email or phone number in order to receive communication from the Garden Committee, and will keep the Garden Committee secretary informed of any changes in my email address and/or phone number.
15. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden Committee.
16. I will clean up my garden by October 31st to the edges marked by the black corner stakes. I will leave the black stakes and take all fencing and garden equipment home. Cover crops and certain overwintering crops (winter onions, kale and garlic) are allowed to stay.

Enforcing the Garden Rules

The Garden Committee is a group of volunteers who keep the garden running smoothly. They review and enforce the garden rules and regulations. If the Garden Committee determines that a plot or its owner is in substantial violation of garden regulations, the following process is used:

1. The gardener will be contacted and notified of the problem by phone, email or mailed letter.
2. If the problem remains unresolved one week after notice is given, a written notice will be mailed detailing the possibility of losing the garden. A two week deadline will be given.
3. If the gardener does not comply by the deadline, she/he will be evicted and any deposit will be forfeited.

Lake City Community Garden General Information

We are grateful to the City of Lake City for their generous support of the Community Garden.

The Community Gardens are located on North 10th Street, with access on Jewell Avenue by the city's well house. All gardeners must be residents of Lake City, or employees of a business located within the city limits of Lake City.

Registration Process:

Registration materials will be emailed to returning gardeners, and will also be available on the City of Lake City website. All applications must be returned to the City Planning Department on or before April 1, 2026. The applications must be complete and the waiver signed. (If a garden is being shared, **both** gardeners must sign the waiver.) A deposit is required from new gardeners. Applications from former gardeners who have failed to follow the garden regulations will not be honored.

Garden plots will be assigned as soon as possible after April 1st. Plots for new gardeners will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a limit of one plot per household through April 1st. After April 15th, unassigned plots will be released to those requesting them. If no plots are available, the City Planning Department will maintain a waiting list and notify interested parties as space becomes available.

Lake City Community Garden Important Dates:

Gardening Season: April 1-October 31

Weed Control Inspections by the Garden Committee: 2nd Thursday of each month, June through September, at 6:30 pm. A final inspection will be completed the first week in November to make sure all plots are clean and ready for next season.

Garden Committee Meetings follow the weed inspections. All are welcome to attend.

Miscellaneous Information:

We have a combination lock for the shed. The combination is 3-9-31.

The black plastic corner stakes mark the boundaries of your garden. Please take good care of them. Don't move them, or use them as fence posts.

Help is available: If a situation arises that unexpectedly prevents you from maintaining your garden, please feel free to contact a garden committee member and we will see what we can do to lighten your load. We have many gardeners that are happy to lend a helping hand when necessary.

2022 Garden Committee Members:

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