

2023 COMMUNITY GARDEN: Rules and Regulations

- The Community Gardens are open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.
- Plots will be measured, marked, and identified by the Genoa Township Maintenance Department in the spring. Identifying stakes are in the left front corner of each plot. (The front of the gardens is the side of Worthington Road.) The identifying stake must not be removed.
- Plots may be fenced at individual's expense. Fences must be maintained and shall not encroach or lean over onto neighboring plots.
- Plot holder should remove litter from their plot regularly.
- Selling of produce on site is prohibited.
- Plants must be grown only within the plot boundaries and must not extend outside the plot. Anything extending beyond the boundary is subject to mower damage.
- Stakes of any kind are not permitted outside the plot boundary to prevent tripping hazards. Stakes may be used for row alignment and identification but be at least 6 inches inside the plot boundary.
- If a rented garden has not been planted by May 30, it may be offered to someone else.
- Subletting or re-renting of plots is prohibited. If you decide at any time during the season to give up your plot, we request that you contact that Maintenance Department so that someone else may garden in the plot.
- Since plots are close in proximity, gardeners must keep lots weed free. Gardeners will receive one courtesy call and given seven days to remedy any issue. Noncompliance may lead to the plot or a portion of the plot being mowed down to prevent spread of weed seed, after which the plot may be reassigned.
- A garden shed is provided for use by community gardeners April 1-November 1. Use of the garden shed and supplies is open to all gardeners and must only be used for the benefit of the gardens. The lock combination will be provided upon request to the Maintenance Department. Doors must be locked when you leave the gardens. Gardening supplies may be left in the shed but should be labeled if not for everyone's use. Genoa Township is not responsible for loss or damage of garden supplies, tools, or equipment. The tiller provided in the shed must be left filled with fuel after use. Users of the tiller should be trained prior to use.
- Each plot must be cleared of fences, stakes, non-vegetative matter, weed control fabric and debris by November 1. Compost bins are available onsite for vegetation debris only! Trash should be placed in appropriate receptacles or disposed of off-site.
- If you deposit leaves or other composting material on your garden at the end of the season, please till them under at least one time. This will help with spring preparation.
- Identification signage may be placed within your plot but may not exceed 6" tall by 18" wide. Such signage shall be used solely to identify the plot owner.
- Onsite water provided in above-ground tank shall be used only for watering garden plots. Attaching a hose to the tank and running it to your garden is not allowed.
- Ensure the valve is closed when you are done using the water tanks. The faucets should only be used by individuals authorized by the Township to allow for conservation and monitor of usage.
- Infringement of the above rules will result in loss of plot. NO refunds will be given.
- If you witness or experience garden theft, vandalism, or illegal plantings, please notify Police by calling 740-833-2800.