

## Hiawatha Valley Gardener Agreements

1. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center policies apply to the garden area. No weapons or assaultive/aggressive behavior. No use of drugs or alcohol, and people in the garden area must not be impaired due to the use of non-prescribed drugs or alcohol.
  - a. The garden area is subject to the policies of the Peer Support Network. For more, please see the PSN policy.
2. Garden care requirements:
  - a. Keep walkways clear.
  - b. No trees in the garden. The garden plot can be used for growing vegetables, fruit or flowers.
  - c. Try not to shade your neighbor's plot.
  - d. Structures, such as bean poles, trellises, or tomato cages may be built as long as they can be removed each season without damaging the garden bed.
  - e. If you're going to be away, ask for help from a neighboring gardener (watering, weeding).
3. If something changes and you're not able to garden your plot for the season, let garden leaders know so that someone on the waiting list can use the space.
  - a. If a garden plot is not started by June 1, garden organizers will attempt to contact the renter two times. Two weeks after the final contact, the plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list for that growing season.
  - b. If a garden plot is abandoned, defined as no maintenance for two weeks, garden organizers will attempt to contact the renter two times. Two weeks after the final contact, the plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list for that growing season.
4. Garden season begins on May 1 and ends November 1.
  - a. At the end of the garden season, gardeners must take down and put away all garden supports (trellises, poles, tomato cages) and remove brush and plant debris from the plot.
  - b. If you're keeping the same plot next year, you may overwinter perennials and overwintered crops (e.g. garlic).
5. Garden fees:
  - a. Because garden access is part of food security in our community, garden plots will be available for a small fee.
  - b. Fees will be set annually and will generally align with City of Winona garden fees.
6. Other policies
  - a. Garden hours will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - b. The garden will be accessible with a locked gate. Gardeners will receive the lock combination. Do not share the combination with others or allow others into the garden.
  - c. The garden will have a selection of basic tools available for gardeners to use.

- i. Loaner tools need to stay onsite, and please return them to the tool bins when you're finished with them. Rubbing alcohol will be available to disinfect tools.
    - ii. If you bring tools from home, please bring them with you when you leave the garden each day.
    - iii. Donated tools are always welcome!
  - d. Water hoses will be on between the hours of 6 a.m. – 9 p. m. each day.
    - i. Shut off the hose when you're not using it.
    - ii. Pull the hose to the common area for the next person.
  - e. Extra produce? Leave it on the sharing table. You can also put a small flag by a plant if it's okay for others to pick.
- 7. Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers
  - a. We encourage you to use organic products in the community garden.
  - b. Look at the garden care tips handout for alternatives to chemicals.
- 8. The garden brush areas are for garden brush only. Do not bring compost from outside the garden. Please dispose of trash and recycling in the appropriate bins.
- 9. No pets allowed in the garden. Service animals are allowed provided they follow Hiawatha Valley agency policies. For further detail, please see the Service and Emotional Support Animal Policy.

I have read and agree to the gardener agreements.

Gardener name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gardener signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff use only:			
Has gardener paid?: _____			
Cash	Check: _____	Online	Other: _____
Gardener plot number: _____			
Staff Name: _____			
Staff Signature: _____			