

City of Pontiac Community Food Garden

Location: Southwest Corner of N. Oak St. and Cleary St.

Open Mid-April to October 31

No room for a garden? Come grow with us! The City of Pontiac Community Food Garden is an ideal place for those in need of gardening space.

Lot sizes: Lots 1-4 10'x20'
Lots 5-28 10'x10'

Lots available on a first come first served basis. Cost per lot is \$10 regardless of size. Smaller lots can be combined into one 10'x20' lot. Maximum size is 10'x20'

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For information:

Contact Chris Brock at 815-844-5025 or chris.brock@pontiac.org

Application forms available at City Hall or via our website at www.pontiac.org.

N. Oak Street

Cleary Street

1	2	5	7	9	11	13	15
		6	8	10	12	14	16
3	4	17	19	21	23	25	27
		18	20	22	24	26	28

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Information, Rules and Regulations

Please fill out and return at your earliest convenience. Garden plots are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Once filled remaining gardeners will be placed on a wait list. Existing gardeners will have the right of first refusal for the following year. There are two plot sizes, 10'x10' and 10'x20'. Cost per plot is \$10 for up to 10' x 20' and is non-refundable.

Gardens will be tilled and open for use by the second week of April, weather permitting. Gardeners must have something planted in their plot by the first week of June. Gardens not planted by the second week of June will be given to someone else. Garden plots must be cleaned off, free of dead plants, produce remains, and all other material for the season by October 31. The City requests that 10% of the produce generated from a plot be donated to an area food pantry.

- The Gardener agrees to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined and understands that the rules may change if deemed necessary by the City of Pontiac.
- Plots must be maintained and kept neat, kept free of weeds, pests, and diseases for the entire season, April through October 31; regardless of when you start or finish gardening. Unkempt gardens will be mowed off and tilled. Gardeners will be given a one week notice before this happens.
- All plants must remain within the confines of the allotted plot.
- Tomato cages, short wooden trellis or other wooden staking material is permitted. Metal staking is prohibited. Max height is 6 feet. Artificial decorations are prohibited.
- A water spigot will be on site with each gardener given a key to unlock it for use.
- Container watering (bucket or can) is encouraged. A garden hose will be onsite, but sprinkler use is prohibited. Be mindful of your neighbor's garden.
- Perennials, trees, and shrubs are prohibited.
- Use of liquid pesticides, fungicides, insecticides, and herbicides are prohibited. Dry formulated products are permitted such as fertilizers (Miracle Grow, Preen, etc.). Such use may not impact other garden plots. If you are unsure of a products use, contact the City for permission prior to application. Products labeled RESTRICTED USE are prohibited.
- Plastic ground cover or non-organic mulch is prohibited. The city will furnish mulch for use if desired.
- Pets must be leashed when at the garden.
- Vehicles must remain parked at the street and not driven to the garden plot.
- The City of Pontiac will not be responsible for damage to a garden plot due to theft, vandalism, or natural events.
- Poisonous or illegal plants are not permitted.
- The City reserves the right to remove or relocate plots if deemed necessary to accommodate needs of the community.

Participants agree to hold harmless the City of Pontiac, its agents and employees for any and all liability which may be attributed to the participant, or an authorized third party, as a result of utilizing a garden plot.

Return completed form and fee to City Hall, 115 W. Howard St., Pontiac.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____ Signature: _____

Office Use Only

Approved: Y N Plot Number: _____ Date: _____