



# Waterford **Parks & Recreation**

HESS - HATHAWAY

## COMMUNITY GARDEN



**PARK HOURS: 2017**

**April 15-October 15: 10am-8pm**

**OFF SEASON: October 16-April 14 10am-4pm,  
closed Wednesdays & Thursdays and holidays**

**Park: 825 S. Williams Lake Road, 48327**

**Information: 248.674.5441, Farm: 248.360.3814**

**Main Office: 5200 Civic Center Drive, 48329**

**Please visit [www.waterfordmi.gov/parks](http://www.waterfordmi.gov/parks)**

# Waterford Community Garden 2017 Policies and Information

**RESIDENCY:** All new gardeners must be residents of Waterford or White Lake Townships.

**RETURNING GARDENERS HAVE THROUGH MARCH 15, 2017 TO SECURE THEIR PLOT(S) FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2016):** To do so, full payment for each plot (non-transferrable) must be received in the Parks & Recreation office, 5200 Civic Center Drive by 4pm on March 15.

**FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE STARTING MARCH 16-May 12, 2017:** All remaining plots at this time are available to any Waterford or White Lake Township resident on a first-come, first-serve with full payment received in the Parks & Recreation office for the membership as well as the plots.

**\$10 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR NEW GARDENERS.**

Membership is continuous based upon a yearly review. Membership may be rescinded if the gardener is not in good standing.

**GOOD STANDING:** To remain in good standing a gardener is expected to accept responsibility for upkeep of their plot, maintain respect for all other gardeners and follow the Waterford Community Garden policies.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Each gardener assumes all responsibility for any accident or personal injury to themselves or guests. Each gardener is responsible for their actions and any guests. All plants, tools and materials needed for each garden is the sole responsibility of the gardener assigned to the plot, and all labor necessitated is the gardener's responsibility.

**COMPOST:** There is no general compost area, and any individual compost area may be forbidden if it becomes unsightly or a nuisance attraction.

**PETS:** Pets of any kind (except service animals) are not allowed. This is a park policy.

**WATERING:** Unattended sprinklers are not permitted, watering is done by hand. Hoses must be rolled up and placed next to water source, otherwise

**REQUIREMENT:** Gardeners must keep their garden weeded and harvested properly. Plots must be planted by June 1st. In addition, clean-up is expected at the end of the season. Failure to do so may result in termination of membership and the plot being reassigned. It is this committee's task to work towards the betterment of the garden project for the overall benefit of members.

**STEERING COMMITTEE AND GARDEN SUPERVISOR:** Committee consists of volunteer gardeners and Parks and Recreation representative. Garden supervisor(s) is nominated by the committee at the annual meeting and approved by Parks and Recreation. Garden supervisor(s) are responsible for interpreting and enforcing policies. If follow-through is needed, the garden supervisor will investigate and proceed as necessary. If the situation warrants Parks and Recreation will be advised, and then the Police as appropriate.

**HANDBOOK:** Further regulations and guidelines are available upon request and are reviewed and updated by the Committee of Gardeners at the annual April meeting.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 18th, 6:30pm  
Hess-Hathaway Community Building

### GARDEN SPECIFICS

**PLOTS:** \$20/Waterford Residents, \$35/White Lake Residents  
**FOR EACH 10' X 10' DESIGNATED SPACE**

**BOUNDARY LINES:** Moving the boundary lines or planting/displaying or securing anything outside the surveyed area is not allowed. This is to allow for adequate space between each plot to mow or weed whip which maintains the accessibility of the area for all and restricts growth of nuisance plants. Exceptions may be allowed if discussed/approved. An adequate space is required between each plot to allow for mowing.

**ORGANIC:** All plots must maintain their organic status.

**PARKING:** After hours, vehicles may be left outside the gate and parked to the side of the roadway. A walk-through gate is available to the gardeners during such times.

**RESTROOMS:** Restrooms in the Community Building are only available during open hours. Port-a-johns may be available during prime season.

**SOIL AMENDMENTS** are encouraged, do ask for written guidelines.

**YEAR-ROUND:** Plots are available through all weather.

## MISSION

Waterford Parks & Recreation Citizens Farm Project seeks to educate our residents, including the children, and encourage healthy local organic growing with little or none of the carbon emissions commercial farming can produce.

## WATERFORD PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZEN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Each gardener will have a specified garden plot(s). It is forbidden and membership will be revoked if a gardener(s) or their guests ENTER OR HARVEST (or in any way disturb another gardeners' plot without the expressed permission. Waterford Police Department will be notified about a concern of this nature and additional actions will be taken. We are a community group and as such we look out for each other and will question unfamiliar faces. Do alert the Garden Supervisor if you will be away and someone else will be tending to your garden. Please direct anyone that will be in your garden in your absence to introduce themselves to the other gardeners. This will help promote a cohesive community of gardeners.

## CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

January 1, 2, 16, February 20, April 16, November 11, 23, 24 and December 24-26 and 31. Pedestrian gate open.