

Reservation of garden plots, located at 7151 190th St W, Jordan (Scott County Fairgrounds) require:

- A completed Garden Plot Registration and Release Form,
- An annual fee,
- A refundable security deposit, and
- A commitment to gardening for the entire season.

Plot Registration and Assignment:

1. Applications for garden plots will be accepted beginning February 1, with priority given to Scott County residents. Each applicant is limited to one plot per person. Plots will be assigned after the April 1 deadline. If more applications are received than plots are available, it will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Additional applications will be placed on a waiting list.
2. After the assignment of plots is completed, any open plots after April 1, will be open to any person regardless of residing County. Additionally at this time, persons who have already reserved a plot, may reserve an additional available plot.
3. All required fees and the signed agreements are required to confirm reservation of a plot. No work may begin until the reservation has been confirmed.
4. After April 1, no refund of fees for cancelled reservations will be issued.
5. Subleasing of garden plots is prohibited.
6. The Community Gardens will generally be available April 15 through October 15. Garden plots will open as soon as they are ready for the season. You will receive email notification when plots have opened for the season. Garden plots will be closed for the season on October 15.
7. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. If staff is notified of a plot that is not in compliance, the gardener will receive a notice, and will have seven (7) days to act to remedy the issue. If a gardener fails to act, the plot will be revoked.
8. Gardeners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener.
9. Water from the available irrigation system can only be applied while the gardener remains at the plot (do not leave the garden area with the water running).
10. The use of herbicides (commercial weed, insect, or fungal killers) on garden plots is prohibited.
11. Gardeners are asked to be aware of the height of accessories or plants to ensure they do not shade into the neighboring plots.
12. Items not allowed in the gardens include: illegal, poisonous or noxious plants, marijuana, plants that will spread into neighboring plots, bee hives, tires, and hazardous materials.
13. Gardeners may only harvest items from their own plots.
14. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant materials and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. Security deposits will not be refunded if the plot is not cleared by October 15.
15. The U of M Extension Master Gardeners do not assume any responsibility or reimburse for theft, acts of vandalism, weather conditions, or any other factors that may affect the gardens.

