



Community Garden Rules & Fees:

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Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District | 19901 Stoney Island Ave. | Lynwood, IL 60411

Fees

1. The annual fee for a 4x4 garden bed is \$10 a year and a 4x8 garden bed is \$20 per season. This is to ensure your responsibility to maintain your garden bed. Annual fees are non-refundable.
2. The raised beds are assigned on a first come, first served basis and is limited to 1 garden bed (4x4 or 4x8) per household. Glenwood & Lynwood residents have priority over other local towns/villages.

Access

1. The Gate of the Raised Beds within the Fenced-In Area will be locked due to repeated theft of gardeners crops. Keys are issued to the gardeners who have raised beds after they are assigned randomly by Staff.
2. The garden shed will be unlocked ONLY when a Library Staff member is present during posted shifts. Please close the gate when you leave.
3. There are no restrooms in the garden; the use of the restrooms are inside the library during business hours.
4. Limit 1 garden bed (4x4 or 4x8) per household., i.e., parent can have one but not a child, spouse, etc...

Etiquette

1. Introduce yourself and build a stronger community.
2. All trash **MUST** be removed when leaving the garden; additional receptacles are located on the library's property.
3. Please do not pick from any of the garden beds not reserved for you even if you think they are abandoned.
4. If planting tall crops, do so where they won't shade other garden beds.
5. Do not borrow tools from another gardener without permission.
6. Please walk and use hoses with care, so as not to damage other plots.
7. No pets in the fenced in garden bed area.
8. Smoking, vaping, and illegal substances are prohibited in the garden.

Gardening & Watering

1. No commercial operations are allowed.
2. Gardeners will provide their own seeds or use the ones in the library's Seed Library and tools. Anything left in the garden is done so at the gardener's risk.
3. Weed and maintain regularly as weed seeds spread quickly. You will be notified if any garden bed is excessively weedy and will be given a reasonable time to clean it up. Non-compliance may result in forfeiture of the garden bed.
4. Do not plant invasive species, such as mint, bamboo, English ivy, wisteria, pumpkin, watermelon, squashes, plants with vines, etc., as they may spread to other areas of the garden.
5. Remove any pests and diseased plants often as they spread easily to other garden beds.
6. You will not plant anything deemed an illegal substance; the gardener will be permanently banned from any future Community Garden usage.
7. Watering your raised flower, herb or vegetable bed is **YOUR** responsibility with the water available in the rain barrels around the fenced garden. The library will not water.
8. The use of non-organic pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers is not permitted such as Miracle Gro and Round Up.
9. The garden's composter is only for garden compost. No food waste is permitted.
10. Do not plant trees or shrubs or allow plants to grow taller than 5 feet in the garden bed.
11. Plant **ONLY** Annuals.

12. At the end of the season, gardeners are required to remove any flowers, herbs, and/or vegetables from their garden beds.