

## **Eau Claire County Community Garden Plots at Jeffers Road Rules**

### Disclaimer

Eau Claire County, in permitting the use of certain excess lands for garden plots by the public, is not responsible for any personal injury or property damaged incurred by any plot renter, or for the theft, loss, or destruction of personal property owned by any plot renter.

### Watering

Each gardener is responsible for providing their own watering supplies (hoses, pails, etc.) Water is to be used in a responsible manner and shut off after usage. Any misuse or abuse of watering will result in revocation of watering and/or garden privileges. Misuse or abuse should be reported to the Eau Claire County Extension Office.

- Watering hoses may not remain hooked up to the water faucets after you leave for the day.
- Do not leave hoses in the road paths. Mowing services may run over hoses if they cannot see them.
- Do not leave hoses running unattended.

### Soil / Plot Enhancement

The soil at the garden plots is fairly sandy. Some people choose to add organic matter or fertilizers to improve the soil. However, this and any other enhancements to the plot do not privilege you to ownership, reimbursement of cost, or receipt of the same plot next year unless you choose to pay the plot fee before or on the named deadline on the application.

### Basic Rules

Plantings in the garden are entirely the decision of the renter with these exceptions:

- Vines cannot spread into adjoining plots; planting may be only in rented plot.
- No illegal plants or other controlled substances shall be planted.
- Pets are not allowed in the garden area.
- Children must be supervised at all times and are not allowed in garden plots other than the family's assigned plot(s).
- There are to be no fires for any reason at the community garden.
- Do not chop down seedling trees or branches from surrounding trees for stakes.
- The use of stereos is prohibited. If you like listening to music in the gardens, please use headphones.

### Weed Control

- Each gardener is responsible for keeping the assigned plot free from weeds and obstacles. Not complying with the proper weed control may result in refusal of plot space in the future.

- Herbicides are not permitted in the garden area. Insecticides may be permitted with permission from Eau Claire County Extension Office and, if used, must not drift to other gardeners' plots. *Feel free to contact the Extension Eau Claire County Office with questions on pest management strategies.*
- You will be contacted if your plot looks neglected or improperly cared for. If a solution cannot be found then the plot may be reassigned. If you need to give up your plot for any reason, notify the Extension Eau Claire County. Just abandoning your plot may result in forfeiting your opportunity to garden in the community garden site next year.

### Trash

- ALL garbage is to be taken home for disposal. Nothing is to be left on site.
- Do not dispose of garden debris, weeds, rocks, or other materials in the garden plots or surrounding areas. Dispose appropriately off site.
- If you use milk jugs to cover your tomato seedlings, be sure they are well-anchored to keep them from blowing away. Take them home when you are done using them.

### Harvesting

Harvest only your own crops unless given permission by other plot owners to harvest their crops.

### End of Season

Complete fall clean-up of your garden plot(s) on or before October 31, 2024 and understand that failure to clean up your plot(s) will result in denial to participate in the community garden the following year. Remove all stakes, string, twine, plastic, trash, and anything else you brought to the gardens. Keep in mind, the water at the garden may be turned off by early October, depending on the forecast.

Please be respectful of other gardeners and their plots. Disrespectful language or destructive behavior is not allowed.

Questions about the Eau Claire County Community Garden Plots at Jeffers Road may be directed to Extension Eau Claire County at 715-839-4712.

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