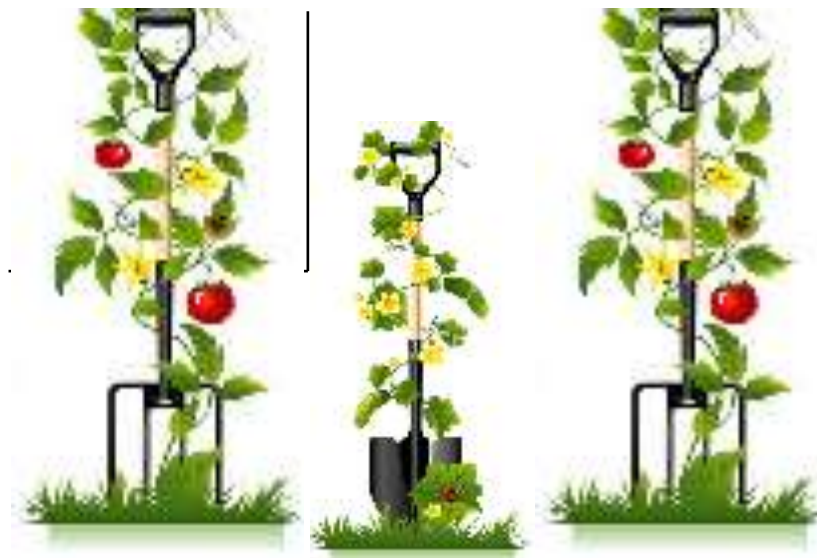


Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Madison, Wisconsin

Handbook 2015

Celebrating our 35th Year!



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Welcome to Sheboygan Community Garden

We encourage you to visit the garden often. You will be surprised how many things ripen almost overnight, or how many weeds have set seed since your last visit.

Our social events offer a chance to get acquainted with neighbors from around the world. Did you know that more than a dozen languages are spoken here? Or that our age range is almost a century? But we all speak 'gardening'.

Our commonality is a love of gardening. Each of us follows our own practices for growing vegetables and flowers and we learn from each other about new plants. The mixture makes for our famous diverse potluck dinners. Be sure to join us.

If you have any questions, would like to be more involved, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. This is a community of gardeners!

Sincerely,

The Garden Steering Committee

Sheboygan Community Garden

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Sheboygan Garden Calendar 2015

April 9 (Thursday)	Spring Potluck & Meeting, 6pm-8pm
April 18 (Saturday)	Garden Clean-up Workday, 9am-noon
April-September (Saturdays)	Workdays, 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9am-noon (rain date is one week later)
April-September (Saturdays)	Educational Sessions, 1 st Saturdays of the month 10am (rain date is one week later)
May-1st week	Water turned on
May 17 (Sunday)	Garden must be clean and ready to plant or plot will be reassigned
June 20 (Saturday)	Garden Brunch, 11am Celebrate summer solstice with Make Music Madison, 10am-noon
July 4 (Saturday)	Family picnic & fireworks, 7pm-10pm
October 8 (Thursday)	Autumn Potluck & Annual meeting, 6pm-8pm
October-1st week	Water turned off
October 17	Garden Clean-up Workday, 9am-noon
October 18	Garden plots must be cleared and hardscapes stored under the pines or removed from site

Good Neighbor Rules We Agree To Follow

1. **We are an organic garden.** Synthetic pesticides, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides are NOT allowed. Only CAC or UW Extension approved products may be used, such as NEEM or Safer's Insecticidal Soap. For more information on botanicals, microbials, and inorganic pesticides visit wimastergardener.org/?q=OrganicPesticides. There are also many structural approaches - companion planting, target crops, traps, etc....please contact a garden board member for additional information.
2. **Garden plots must be reasonably utilized** for growing food or flowers for members' use only (not for sale).
3. **Gardeners are responsible for clearing weeds** in their garden including the garden fence lines bordering their garden and clean up at end of the year.
4. **Gardeners are responsible for harvesting produce** in a timely manner.
5. **Gardeners must maintain low borders** in order not to block sunlight from your neighbor's plot. In general, plants on a border should be less than 3 feet tall.
6. **Gardeners are responsible for keeping plants** and equipment within their plot. Please keep in mind the size of your plants when mature. Allow enough room away from plot lines so that plants are set where they will not spill over into other plots or paths. Your plants must stay within the boundary of your plot.
7. **Gardeners may not grow uncontained invasive plants**, as mint, horseradish and raspberries.
8. **Gardeners are responsible for the care of their plot.** Notify coordinator if you will be away for an extended period of time.

9. **Gardeners do not enter or take anything** from someone's plot without permission.
10. **Gardeners do take trash**, unused garden equipment, plastic gloves, and diseased garden material home. Pick up trash from the lawn, as you see it. Put sticks and rocks near brush pile.
11. **Don't toss vegetation, trash, stones, wood, tools** or metal bars on grass area. It is unsightly and dangerous for mowers.
12. **Required Work Hours:** Gardeners are required to contribute a minimum of 4 work hours per plot, per year, caring for the common areas. Volunteers are needed to care for the PAR (Plant a Row) plots. Contributing more hours is encouraged. Gardeners are responsible for reporting their work hours to the timekeeper. Failure to complete and report required work hours is cause for penalty.

Physically challenged gardeners may be exempt from work hours. There are many ways to contribute. Contact the Garden Coordinator to discuss options or possible exemption.

Work days are scheduled monthly (see calendar). Independent work can include:

- Weeding common areas
- Tending communal perennial flower beds
- Laying wood chips in common areas
- Mowing and/or weed-whacking common areas
- Collecting litter or garbage and taking it home
- Stowing the fire hydrant hose at the end of the day

Time spent on activities not considered reportable work-hours:

- Working in personal plots and personal plot lines
- Working in someone else's garden, unless pre- approved by committee

Work Sign-in Sheet: Planned work days will have a sign in sheet available to report date, completed time, plot and name. Independent hours may be reported via email to timekeeper or on the sign-in sheet in the garden shed.

13. Water Usage:

Use water from water/rain barrels whenever possible. Pour water onto ground at base of plant. Sprinkling is discouraged, since it promotes mildew and fungal diseases. Please try to conserve water.

Limit your use of the hose to 15 minutes if others are waiting. Do not use more than one hose at any given time. After watering, be sure to turn off spigot. Make sure other spigots are turned off as well. Make sure the water barrels near you are full. This makes water available to everyone at all times.

When you turn on the hose system at the hydrant, you are responsible for turning it off and putting the hose away. If you want to leave and others want to use water, make sure they know that they are now responsible to turn off and put away hoses. If you turn the water on, you do not have exclusive rights to the water. Do not turn the water on and then leave, stay at the garden until watering is done, or delegate responsibilities to another person. Soaker hoses are not allowed.

If you are the last person in the garden, even if you did not use the water, check to see that the water is turned off. If it is still on, turn it off at the hydrant and put the hoses away. The fire hydrant hose may be used during normal business hours (8am-4:30pm) if water barrels need filling. Please stow the fire hydrant hose when not in use to avoid damage from truck traffic in the street.

14. Tools: The garden owns tools, carts, wheelbarrows, and buckets for all to use. When you finish using tools, clean them and store neatly:

- ✓ Wheelbarrows should be emptied after rain or turned over to avoid pools of stagnant water for mosquito breeding
- ✓ Power tools, mowers, and rototillers are to be used only by members trained and approved by the Grounds Committee
- ✓ Always close and latch the shed door
- ✓ Tool donations are welcome - please put them in the shed

15. Pets are not allowed in the garden.

16. Penalties (to be decided by Garden committee) for not following Good Neighbor rules:

- ❖ No guarantee to have the same plot the next year
- ❖ Reduction in plot size for the next year
- ❖ Name moved to the bottom of plot waiting list
- ❖ No plot assignment for the next year

Garden Perks

Leaves, sifted compost, and wood chips ~ are provided from time to time and are kept in piles near the tool shed. Please take only as much as you need so the supply is shared with all.

Garden Compost ~ Composting of dead weeds and other organic matter takes place in the piles of vegetation west of the tool shed. Compost is decomposed organic matter. It can include weeds, dried grass cuttings, chopped leaves, and leafy kitchen scraps. It is used to enrich soil and can be added every time soil is turned. Compost does not include animal products (except egg shells) or pet waste. Weed seeds, sticks, stones, plastic and other inorganic waste should be excluded. Please take home any diseased plants or plant material.

Straw and marsh hay ~ a bulk straw/marsh hay purchase will take place in early May. Gardeners may purchase individual bales from the bulk order.

Perennial Gardens ~ Border communal flower beds were donated to beautify our gardens. If you would like to help with maintenance and earn work hours, contact Michael Peterson, Ruth Cadoret, or Pat Soderholm.

Plant-A-Row ~ Gardeners are encouraged to donate surplus produce to local food pantries. Any plots abandoned after June 15 may be set aside for this purpose.

Rototilling ~ If you would like your plot rototilled, please contact the Garden Coordinator. A nominal fee is required to cover fuel and maintenance costs.

Fall Clean-up ~ All gardens must be cleared of dead plant material, weeds and plant supports by the second week in October. Gardening of fall crops may continue as long as weather permits.

My Garden Journal