



Where Friends Are Like Family

Janesville Community Garden Rules & Regulations

Last Updated January 2025

Located behind Park Road Plaza off of the Emergency/Utility access road. (Map pg. 3)

Registration:

- Registration will begin March 1, 2025 for Janesville residents by filling out an application and acknowledging the form.
- Priority for 2025 will be on a first come basis.
- Fees due at time of registration.

Garden Cancellations:

- If you decide not to use your garden plot, contact the Garden Committee @ 507-461-1065 immediately so the plot can be reassigned.
- Fees will only be refunded if the garden plot is reserved by another gardener.
- No refunds will be given after June 1.

Rental Provisions:

- The fee for each 20' x 20' garden plot is \$20.00, plus a \$20.00 cash deposit that is refundable at the end of the season ***if the gardener/resident completely cleans out their plot.*** The \$20.00 plot reservation fee and \$20.00 cash deposit are due at the time of registration.
- Each plot will be planted by June 1, harvested, and cleaned out by October 31.
- **Gardeners must remove all non-plant materials (posts, fences, markers, etc.), or \$20.00 cash deposit will not be refunded.**
- Items not claimed will become the property of the City and disposed of as needed.
- Gardening times will be allowed from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, May 1 – October 31.

Plot Size

- The plots are approximately 20' x 20' and will be marked with a stake and number. Each plot will have a grass buffer of about 5 ft between plots.
- Multiple plots may be requested only if extras exist after first round of applications received.

Opening Date:

- The target date for opening is Saturday, April 12, 2025. This may vary due to weather and soil conditions.
- The City will not be doing any preparation work in the gardens beginning Spring 2024 (per City Council decision) – it will be up to the Garden Committee to till and prepare the garden plots for use.
- Gardens must be maintained all summer long.

Garbage and Composting:

- It is the responsibility of the plot tenant to remove all garbage and compost from their plot.

Water:

- No water will be provided that is responsibility of gardener/resident taking care of their plot.
- Unattended use of sprinklers and/or water is not allowed.

Safety and General Rules:

- Each gardener is asked to be respectful of other gardens.
- Be sure that tall crops do not shade neighboring plots.
- Pick crops from your garden only.
- We remain neutral on herbicide/weed repellents, but they must in no way affect other plots.
- Mixing or storing of chemicals at the garden is prohibited.
- Gardeners will be conscious of their impact on the soil and the neighboring plots.
- Only annual plants are to be planted (NO perennials).
- Raised Gardens are allowed but all materials must be cleaned out by October 31, 2025.
- Pets are not allowed in the garden area or in the park.
- Compost and rocks can be placed in your designated plot area if removed by October 31, 2025.

Garden Neglect and Weed Control:

- Each gardener is responsible for weeding and maintaining their plot(s) at least weekly.
- Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds.

Illegal Activity:

- Illegal plants are not permitted in the Community Garden.
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in the Community Garden.
- All rules and regulations outlined in the Janesville City Code must be followed at all time

Hold Harmless Clause:

- All participants must sign all necessary documentation required by the City of Janesville prior to planting.
- The City reserves the right to close the Community Garden if necessary, with proper notification to all gardeners.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF JANESVILLE FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I FURTHER AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE GARDEN AND ALL OTHER JANESVILLE PARK RULES.

VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES/REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN A REQUEST FOR CORRETIVE ACTION. IF VIOLATIONS CONTINUE UNCORRECTED, THEY COULD RESULT IN EVICTION FROM THE DESIGNATE PLOT.

Signed: _____

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

