

westmedicinelake
C O M M U N I T Y C L U B
2016 Community Garden Timeline

Yearly Schedule

Previous fall – Feb 28

Returning gardeners may reserve up to two (2) past garden plots.
WMLCC to email and/or contact all previous year gardeners.

March 1 – May 15

All unclaimed plots will be made available to new or returning gardeners may reserve up to 2 garden plots.

Mid-May

Gardeners may claim any available plots on a first come first serve basis
Garden to open, dependent on weather & soil conditions.
WMLCC to email and/or contact registered gardeners.
Tilling of plots will occur for gardeners requesting that service

July, August & September 1

WMLCC to inspect gardens for garden neglect.

Mid-October

Gardens to close, gardeners clean out plots and ready the garden for winter, dependent on weather & soil conditions.
WMLCC to email and/or contact registered gardeners.

For more information,
Call: (763) **553-1107** OR Email: wmedlakecc@gmail.com

REGISTRATION

Priority is given to returning gardeners each new season. Through **February**, each household is allowed to reserve up to two (2) garden plots that were reserved the previous season. Understanding the need to encourage new gardeners, only two (2) garden plots per household will be allowed to be reserved in advance of **May 1**. From **March – May**, new gardeners are allowed to reserve up to two (2) garden plots. On **May 1**, all remaining garden plots will become available on a first come, first served basis with no limit per household.

GARDEN CANCELLATIONS

If you choose not to use your garden plot, please contact WMLCC immediately so the plot may be reassigned and/or offered to the waiting list. If the garden is claimed by another gardener prior to June 15, your fee will be refunded. There will be NO refunds after June 15 unless rented by someone else.

RENTAL PROVISIONS

The rental fee for a single garden plot is \$60 or \$40 w/Club Membership. Veterans are eligible for Member rates for garden plots. This fee is used to pay water, garden improvements and related items. Returning gardeners who register and pay in full prior to February 28 will receive a \$5 per plot discount. After February 28th, returning gardeners will pay full price.

PLOT SIZE

The garden plots are approximately 15' x 15' with a 1' walkway of wood chips between each plot.

OPENING DATE

The target date for opening is May 15, but due to weather & soil conditions this may vary from year to year. Households will be notified when the garden plots are officially open.

GARDEN NEWS & INFORMATION

Email will be the preferred method of mass communication to all households regarding dates, deadlines, events, updates, etc. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your garden plot, please respond by email and/or call.

GARBAGE & COMPOSTING

Separate waste receptacles will be provided for both trash & compostable materials. Please observe the differences so that additional sorting is not needed by staff.

WATER & HOSES

Water spigots are provided by the **WMLCC**. Hoses are provided by the **WMLCC**. One set of spray nozzles will be provided at the beginning of the season. If a nozzle breaks or malfunctions, do not discard but rather notify staff and they will be replaced.

SAFETY & COURTESY

Due to the nature of this community garden, each household is asked to be respectful of other gardens. Do not allow vine crops to extend beyond the boundaries of your plot. Return hoses in a uniform manner to hangers. Children must be supervised. Pets are NOT allowed. If applying chemicals, be aware of adverse weather conditions so as to not permit chemical drift onto neighboring plots.

TRAPS

Although traps are generally discouraged, certain pests may need to be controlled by trapping. Gardeners preferring to use traps must enclose their plot(s) with fencing on all four sides and place signage warning others that traps may be found in the plot(s). Poisons are NOT allowed.

ORGANIC VS. NON-ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES

Individuals are allowed to practice whichever method they prefer, but be conscious of your impact with neighboring plots. Weeding should be weekly so that weeds are not allowed to reseed. Chemical applications should be limited to individual plots. Additional mulch and compost may be available at the **Public Works Yard Waste Site (14900-23rd Ave N)** during normal site hours.

GARDEN NEGLECT & WEED CONTROL

Each household is responsible for weeding/ maintenance of their plot(s). Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds. If any garden has not been planted by June 15 and the owner has not made contact/provisions with the WMLCC to extend the deadline, those gardens will be reassigned to those on the waiting list. Additionally, the WMLCC will inspect all gardens on the first of the month to ensure compliance. Gardeners not performing maintenance will be notified to rectify the situation within two (2) weeks. Further non-compliance will result in the garden being mowed. The offending household will lose community gardening privileges for the following year. They will be allowed to return after their one (1) year absence as a new gardener. No refunds will be given after June 15.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Gardeners are encouraged to donate excess produce to local food shelves.