

Agreements and Guidelines

1. Work on the plot can begin no earlier than **April 16, 2022**.
2. Vegetables, herbs, small fruit plants, and flowers are to be planted in the garden no later than **June 4, 2022** and kept planted all summer long. You must have produce or plants in the garden plot during the entire season.
3. Plots that remain unplanted by **June 4, 2022** are assumed to be abandoned and will result in forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee.
4. Weeds must be kept to a minimum and the areas immediately surrounding the plot must also be kept free of weeds. Plots must be consistently weed-free, tended, and without debris.
5. If the plot becomes overrun with weeds you will be given a one (1) week notice to clean it up. Failure to clean up the plot will result in the plot being considered abandoned and will result in the forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee. Any produce will be harvested and donated.
6. Growing any plants considered illegal or poisonous is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate forfeiture of your gardening privileges for the season as well as forfeiture of your plot fee. While marijuana is legal in the state of Michigan, its growth is strictly forbidden in the Creative 360 Community Garden.
7. If any of your plants become infected or diseased, contact the Master Gardener Volunteer or Gina for instructions on what to do. If an infected or diseased plant is found by the Master Gardener Volunteer and is deemed a potential threat to other gardens or plants, it may be removed immediately.
8. Use of your own fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents in this chemical-free, organic garden is strictly forbidden.
9. Keep any garden structures (supports, etc.) below the maximum of five (5) feet tall & four (4) feet wide. Keep the structures in the center of the garden plot. Otherwise, structures tend to shade neighboring plots from early and late day sun which can rob your neighbor's garden of its fair share of sunlight.
10. Flags and other types of decorations are permitted on a **limited basis** to aid in the deterring of small animals and for the enjoyment of the children involved in the gardening process. Please note that Creative 360 cannot be responsible for these decorative items and if the Master Gardener Volunteer determines it to be necessary, the decorations may be removed from the plot.
11. Be courteous and limit your use of watering time when others require water or keep in mind to water when only a few other gardeners are present. Creative 360 is always appreciative of donations towards the water bill.
12. Water is not to be used for drinking or any purpose other than watering your plants.
13. Keep trash and litter out of the plot as well as out of adjacent pathways and fences.
14. You may only pick your own crops and flowers unless given permission by another plot user.
15. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or the use of illegal drugs in the garden is strictly prohibited. This restriction forbids the use of marijuana.
16. Entering the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
17. Parking is allowed in the Creative 360 lot in accordance with posted parking signs. Driving and/or parking on the Creative 360 grounds, sidewalk or any other unapproved parking area is strictly prohibited.

18. Children must be under direct adult supervision at all times while in the garden. Make every effort to see that children respect the neighboring garden plots, walkways, and other gardeners.
19. Pets are not allowed within the garden.
20. Harvest your crops once they have matured.
21. Garden waste is to be placed in the appropriate bins and/or containers at the garden site only.
22. Produce grown at the garden cannot be for commercial use and may not be sold.
23. Power equipment is not allowed on premises without permission from the garden manager or Creative 360. There is no electrical power provided.
24. Be aware that there are currently NO outside lights and that the Creative 360 building is only manned M-F from 9 am until 6 pm. Any work done in the garden after hours is at your own risk.
25. Please become aware of the Creative 360 event schedule, which can be found at becreative360.org. There will be times when watering cannot be done because of a scheduled outdoor event. You can call 989-837-1885 to confirm.
26. The onsite storage shed is only to be used and accessed by Creative 360 staff and the Master Gardener Volunteer. Onsite storage of personal property and/or tools is not allowed in plot areas.
27. Gardeners are expected to work together with or next to other gardeners in relative harmony. Gardeners shall be courteous in all interactions and work together to resolve any disagreements. Creative 360 staff and volunteers will check plots often to encourage productive use by all participants.
28. Gardeners shall respect their neighbor's garden and the rights of the community residents as well as appreciate the fact that this land is owned by and has been made available by Creative 360.

By signing below, I agree to follow all rules listed above.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions, contact Creative 360 at 989-837-1885 or Gina at 989-631-4038.