



The CLACG is a group effort of DADi, DC Extension, Conservation Office, CL Volunteer Fire Dept., & the City of Clear Lake. Many hands are making this possible.

For cooperation to happen between all parties, we have established the following rules for participants. We are learning-by-doing and we hope to hone this project as we go.

It is open to anyone within Deuel County on a first come, first serve basis.

**Fee:** A seasonal fee of \$25 for a 10x20 plot and \$40 for a 20x20 plot is required to reserve a garden plot. (late-April, weather permitting, through mid-October). Your fee and a signed waiver are required to reserve a plot. A limited number of scholarships, to help cover the cost of seeds or plants, are available to those meeting income requirements through the ICAP office in the Courthouse.

**Weed Control:** Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot. You commit to make sure the weeds in your plot and the area around your plot that you are responsible for do not come to a head or flower.

**Availability of Plot:** Plots will be available as soon as possible, but usually by the end of April (weather permitting). You may begin to garden your plot after you have been notified that the garden has officially opened for the year. This will occur either by e-mail, phone call, or text message. All plots must be planted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Garden Agreement:** As part of a community garden, you commit to maintaining your plot for the entire growing season. This means if you clean up early, August for example, you are still responsible for your plot through the garden closing in October.

**Markers:** Markers will be placed to mark plot locations. Please leave markers in the ground and stay within your designated spot.

**Parking:** Parking has yet to be determined in the community garden. When there are signs posted, please obey. If there are other vehicles, please be mindful and considerate with parking.

**Equipment:** Any equipment brought into the garden area must be stored within your garden space.

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**Gardening Hours:** Keep garden activities to daylight hours. The gardens are officially closed from dusk to dawn.

**Water:** Water will be available in three large tanks. Buckets or watering cans will be needed personally to carry water to your plot. Water conservation is expected. Water is meant only for garden plants.

**Neighborliness:** Be considerate. Do not plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Tall corn or vine crops should be planted in the center of your plot. Do not pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission. *Although we do allow you to fertilize, please be respectful to not use fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellants that would in any way affect other plots around you.*

**Acts of Nature:** Unfortunately, the City of Clear Lake nor DADi can be responsible for acts of nature. Refunds cannot be given or reimbursement made due to acts of nature.

**Pets:** Pets are strongly discouraged. If you bring family pets with you, they must be confined to your vehicle or on a leash and not allowed in other gardener's plots. Please clean up after your pet.

**Children:** Children are welcome in the gardens under supervision of an adult. Children are not allowed to enter the plots of any other gardener without that gardener's express permission.

**Prohibitions:** Perennial plants, trees, building materials, and carpet are not allowed in the community garden.

**End of Season Clean-up:** Clean-up of your plot is required prior to the official closing date of the community garden, which means that plots must be left as found with black dirt only! Your responsibility for your plot continues until the community garden closes for the season, usually in mid-October. All materials must be removed from the garden at the end of the season.

**Garden Helpers:** If you have anyone helping with your garden plot, including family members or friends, you commit to making sure they are familiar with these garden rules.

**Vandalism and Theft:** Please report any vandalism or unusual activity to local authorities.

**GIVING BACK:** We encourage gardeners to donate produce to the ICAP office or to other charitable organizations. If you choose to donate to ICap, please contact them at 605-874-2062, **BEFORE** delivery! Due to circumstances beyond their control, they may be unable to accept the produce, but they may have alternative donation sites.

**Any violation of the community garden rule may result in a ban on that gardener for the coming year.**

**For any questions on the Clear Lake Area Community Garden please contact Joan at DADi at 605.874.8038 or Deb in the Extension Office 605.874.2681. Committee members are Daryl Feilmeier, Dean Trautman, Deb Lessman, and Joan Sacrison.**

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