



Chippewa Falls Community Garden 2026 Rules

As a gardener at the Chippewa Falls Community Garden, I agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

Chippewa Falls, in permitting the use of certain excess lands for garden plots by the public, is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage incurred by any plot holder or their guests, or for the theft, loss, or destruction of personal property owned by any plot holder.

- A yearly, non-refundable fee to help cover garden expenses in the amount of \$20.00 city resident or \$30.00 non-resident, is required to hold a plot.
- Gardeners will need to bring their own tools.
- Plant your plot(s) with at least some crops by June 1, 2026.

Weed Control

- Keep your plot(s) weeded and maintain the areas immediately surrounding your plot throughout the growing season. Avoid putting string, rocks or other materials in the grassy area to avoid contact with the lawn mower.
- *Chemical weed killers are not allowed on the plots.* Insecticides may be used but must not drift to other gardener's plots. Feel free to contact the Chippewa County Extension Office with questions on pest identification and management strategies.
- You may use the compost pile outside the garden fence for depositing garden waste. Do not include plastics, trash or any food waste only garden plant debris.

Watering

- Water is to be used in a responsible manner and shut off after usage.
- Remain on-site while watering.
- Roll up hoses when done.
- Report any leaks or other issues with the water hoses and/or spigots to the Chippewa County Extension office (715-726-7957).

Soil / Plot Enhancement

- Chemical and/or organic fertilizer may be used within your assigned plot(s).
- Mulches can be used. If it is weed cloth or some similar barrier, it must be removed on or before October 31, 2026.
- Appropriate plot decorations are allowed but must be removed on or before October 31, 2026.

Trash

Take *all* trash with you for disposal or recycling. There is no trash disposal available on-site. The compost pile outside the garden fence is for garden plant debris only.

Harvesting

Harvest only your own crops unless you are given permission by the plot renter to harvest their crops.

Other

- Arrange for someone to care for your plot if you are going to be away for a while during the growing season. If you need assistance in finding a gardener to help you with your plot, contact the Chippewa County Extension Office (715-726-7957).
- Children must be supervised at all times and are not allowed in garden plots other than the family's assigned plot(s).
- Pets are not allowed within the garden area.
- *Keep gates closed when exiting the garden area.*

You will be contacted if your plot looks neglected or improperly cared for. If a solution cannot be found, then the plot may be reassigned.

If you need to give up your plot for any reason, notify the Chippewa County Extension Office (715-726-7957). Just abandoning your plot will result in forfeiting your opportunity to garden in the community garden site next year.

End of Season

Complete fall clean-up of your garden plot(s) on or before October 31, 2026. Failure to clean up your plot(s) will result in denial to participate the following year. Detailed information on what fall clean-up entails will be sent to you in October.

Keep in mind, the water at the garden may be turned off by early October, depending on the forecast.

Please be respectful of other gardeners and their plots. Disrespectful language or destructive behavior is not allowed. No loud music. No smoking.

Please understand:

As the community garden is open to the public there is always the possibility of people misunderstanding the "community garden" concept. This misunderstanding might result in people picking your produce without permission. If this occurs, we will try to improve communication with signage about visitor expectations. Gardeners can help avoid loss of produce by picking their own crops as soon as they are ripe to avoid others being tempted to do so.

Questions or assistance about the Community Garden at Marshall Park may be directed to the Chippewa County Extension Office at 715-726-7957.

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