



2024 Share Garden Agreement

City of Sylvan Lake
1820 Inverness
Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

The City of Sylvan Lake is excited by your interest in becoming a share gardener. You are now a part of a growing trend in urban agriculture and local food production. Whether your interest lies in growing produce, flowers, or ornamental plants, you agree to share use of land on which you will garden with other members of your community. The Sylvan Lake Community Garden belongs to all of you and its direction depends on you. Voice your opinion. Make it yours.

Please complete the following application and remit it with payment to the address above.

Name of Share Gardener	Primary Phone Number
Street Address	City / State / Zip Code
Email (this is where you will receive garden news)	Name, Email, and Phone Number of Other Gardeners using Plot
What plot numbers do you want?	
_____ Number of years as a Sylvan Lake Garden Share Gardener	
_____ Number of people in the household that will be benefitting from the garden	
Please list the benefits of participating in the Share Garden program:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Each season, a list of Share Gardens is compiled with phone numbers and emails. Please check this box if you do not want your contact information shared with fellow Share Gardeners. This is NOT distributed to the public nor posted anywhere publicly.	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FEES & REFUNDS FOR PLOTS

Plots are 5 ft. x 10 ft. and are for residents of the City of Sylvan Lake only.

PLOT ASSIGNMENTS

The plot assignment is yours until the end of 2024 unless:

- You surrender your plot.
- Your contract is terminated because of non-compliance with the Sylvan Lake Community Garden guidelines.

You may keep your plot if you abide by the terms and conditions and re-register each season.

PETS

Pets are welcome on park property but must be kept on a 6 ft. leash and be picked up after. Do not allow pets to interfere with other gardeners' plots.

SHARE GARDENER RIGHTS

1. You have the right to garden in your assigned space through the 2024 calendar year.
2. You have the right to access water (water is shut off for the winter).
3. You have the right to equal opportunity and non-discrimination.
4. You have the right to a reasonable harmonious environment and to appropriate conflict resolution measures when necessary.

SHARE GARDENER RESPONSIBILITIES

Share gardeners must:

1. Actively garden their plots, including water, weeding, fertilizing, and amending the soil.
2. Maintain plot appearance by cleaning up litter, storing tools, harvesting produce, and removing dead or dying plants. Unwanted plant parts and rotten produce may be added to the compost bins or worked into the soil.

If a plot becomes unkept at any time, its owner will be given a one-time warning as a courtesy. Compliance is expected within two weeks. Non-compliance will result in loss of plot. The plot will be reassigned to a gardener on the waitlist.

3. Water responsibly and minimize water waste. Do not water other plots unless specifically requested to do so.
4. Respect others' plots and only harvest or work in other gardener's plots if given permission by that gardener.
5. Be aware of others present and get to know them by name.
6. Keep children focused working on family plots or playing in designated areas, such as the sandboxes or outside of garden boundaries. There will be no throwing of anything (stones, dirt, sticks, tools, etc.).
7. Tend to and be responsible for any visitors and guests they may bring into the garden.
8. Attempt to learn and use organic gardening methods to produce more disease-resistant and pest-free plants and more nutritious fruits and vegetables. No herbicides or pesticides may be used without the approval of the Garden Coordinator. If gardeners are in doubt about the use of fertilizer, they will check with the Garden Coordinator.
9. Report problems, vandalism, or damage to the Garden Coordinator.

LEGAL NOTICE

On behalf of myself, I assume all responsibility for the above activity sponsored by the City of Sylvan Lake and with the respect to any actions taken in pursuance of such activities either before or after the activity. Moreover, it is agreed that the City of Sylvan Lake and its several departments, officers, and employees shall not be liable nor responsible for any property damage and/or personal injury and/or other loss or damage suffered. I release and forever discharge each of such entities and persons from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands with respect to any and all such damage, injury or loss.

In the event of any injury, permission is hereby given to the City of Sylvan Lake to see that first aid and medical attention are given, at the discretion of the Director of the Department, or his or her agent or employee in connection with the activity in question.

I represent that I am in good physical condition and am able to participate in the above activity and am responsible for my own health and acknowledge that this activity in which I am enrolling may be injurious, and I accept risk with full knowledge that some programs require assistance of unscreened volunteers.

Photographs may be taken at certain city activities, and, unless the department receives signed, written objections, photos may be reproduced for publication.

Signature of Share Gardener

Date

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FOR OFFICE USE

Amount Paid	
Date Paid	
Plot Assignment(s)	
Keys	Were keys given? If yes, what key #? _____ Initial key is free. Additional copies may be purchased for \$10.
Staff Initials	



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