



2021 SPENCER COMMUNITY GARDENS AGREEMENT & WAIVER

Refer to the SCG Policies and Rules. Below are some helpful highlights:

GENERAL INFORMATION: Each gardener is expected to read and abide by the SCG Rules and Policies. Each gardener is responsible for supplying their own seeds/plants, fertilizer and equipment - including hoses. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardens which exceed the City of Spencer Law of 8 inches will be mowed down.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SCG is a volunteer based community effort. We rely heavily on involvement of the gardeners to keep cost down and keep the gardens thriving! The committee will notify gardeners when help is needed throughout the season; setting up/ taking out water infrastructure and marking the garden plots are some examples. We will not be able to continue without volunteers. Please consider helping. An email will be sent when help is needed.

COMMUNICATION: Garden applications open around the first day of spring each year (around March 20th). Email, Facebook and text are the primary modes of communication. A list of gardener's plot locations & cell phone numbers is compiled and shared with all gardeners with a target date of May 15th. If you don't have email, you will be notified by phone or mail.

WHEN WILL MY GARDEN PLOT BE READY?

Assigning plots, processing applications & preparing the ground takes time. SCG committee's goal is to notify applicants around May 15th regarding plots and assignments. The date gardeners can start to plant is different from year to year depending on many variables, including weather, volunteers, etc.

FIRST TIME GARDENER? Consider requesting a smaller plot! Standard plot size is 20x20', but this can be overwhelming, especially trying to control the weeds for even the most experienced gardener.

WEED CONTROL: Spencer Community Gardeners are required to follow the City Ordinance that state weeds are not to exceed 8 inches. Gardens which have weeds exceeding 8 inches will be mowed down. No liquid weed control (such as round up) or pesticides are allowed. Contact Gary if you have questions on what to use. Mulch is encouraged to control weeds. A thick layer of grass clippings has proven to work well.

Landscape fabric and/or newspaper can only be used if the gardener picks up the material at the end of the season. Gardeners who do not clean their gardens at the end of the season will not be approved to garden the next year.

FERTILIZERS Retail grade fertilizers may be applied in powder and granular form; professional grade is not allowed. Liquid forms are not allowed due to the risk of wind transition to neighboring gardens.

PLOT LOCATION: Gardens are located in four areas throughout Spencer. The committee does their best to assign the same plot as previous years if requested, however, it is not guaranteed. Indicate your request for plot location on your application. The plot assignment does not convey any estate in the plot, freehold or otherwise.

WHAT & WHEN CAN I PLANT? Perennial and unlawful plants are not allowed in the garden. Plots will be tilled as soon as the weather permits. The SCG committee will notify participants when the process is complete and when plots have been assigned. All fences, trellises & non biodegradable items must be removed by Oct 31st, sooner depending on weather.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? Single plot fee is \$20. Standard plot size is 20x20'. You can request a smaller plot size, however, price remains at \$20 for smaller size. More than one plot can be requested. Water cost and tillage is included in the plot fee. Individual gardeners are responsible for providing their own hoses.

HOW DO I PAY? Make check payment to: "Spencer Community Gardens." Mail payment to: Spencer Community Gardens, PO Box 1035, Spencer, IA 51301. Or drop off at ISU extension office.

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MAIN GARDENER NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL	CELL PHONE
WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE
GARDENER #2 NAME	
EMAIL	CELL PHONE
GARDENER #3 NAME	
EMAIL	CELL PHONE
GARDENER #4 NAME	
EMAIL	CELL PHONE

LIST ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS for plot location here: i.e. proximity to another family, smaller plot size:

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SPECIAL 2021 OFFERS: If application and payment are postmarked by April 1st
 After paying for the 1st plot at \$20, you can receive additional plots for \$15!
 You can secure the same plot location as last year!

OF PLOTS you are requesting: _____ **AMOUNT** you are paying: _____

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PLOT(S). We will do our best to accommodate your request.
 W 1st E 14th Near St Lukes West of Stolley's I'm flexible I would like the same plot as last year.
Same plots are guaranteed only if payment was postmarked by April 1st.

SURE! I'D LOVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW I CAN GET INVOLVED WITH SCG!

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED ABOUT MY GARDEN PLOT? Assigning plots, processing applications and preparing the garden plots takes time. SCG committee's goal is to notify applicants around **MAY 15TH** regarding plots and assignments. This varies year to year depending on weather and availability of volunteers. Email is the mode of communication. If you do not have an email, you will be notified by phone or mail.

WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: I have read the SCG Policies and Rules and agree to abide by them. I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any claim(s) I may have against the land owner, their employees or agents, for any injury, damage, loss or claim arising from activities pursuant to this agreement sustained by me, my guests, family members or produce recipients. I agree to hold the landowner free from loss, cost and expense, including attorney fees and litigation, expenses as to any claim arising from my activities pursuant to this agreement. I understand and agree that the land owner makes no warranty or guarantee of the fitness of the plot for garden purposes. I have read and agree to abide by the SCG Policies and Rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

<p>OFFICE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> W1st <input type="checkbox"/> E14 <input type="checkbox"/> St Lks <input type="checkbox"/> Gary's #of Plots _____ Amt Paid: \$_____ ck#/vchr# _____ or cash _____</p>
