



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

PROGRAM INFORMATION,
REGULATIONS & REGISTRATION

NOTE IMPORTANT DATES

Month of February

Returning gardeners may reserve same plots from previous year.

First Monday in March

Open registration for all new and returning gardeners and non-profit groups.

April 1

Weather permitting, you may begin planting on your plot.

May 31

Garden must be 'active' or plot will be mowed.

October 31

Last day to remove produce and belongings from your plot.
End of the year tilling to be completed by Public Works.

FACILITIES

The Village of Lake in the Hills offers 20' x 20' garden plots at the Public Works property located at 9010 Haligus Road. The fee includes seasonal tilling, a water source, and a portable bathroom on-site for the summer months.

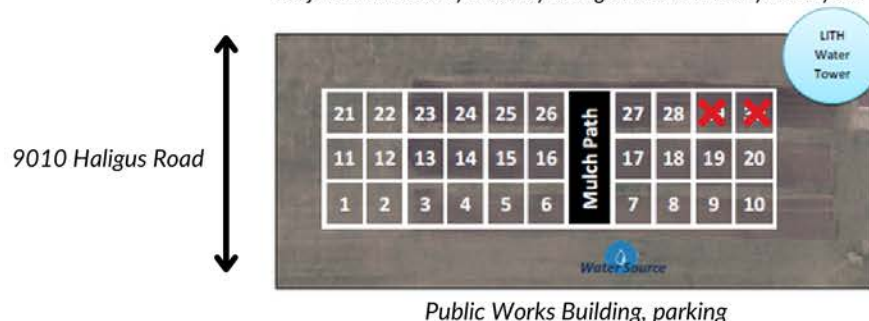
Address: 9010 Haligus Road, about one block south of the intersection with Miller Rd.

FINDING, VISITING & WORKING YOUR GARDEN PLOT

- **PARKING:** Parking is available at the Public Works building. There is no vehicle access to the plot area for unloading supplies, so be prepared with a wagon or wheelbarrow. Do not drive into the garden plot areas.
- Garden Plots are identified with a numbered marker and corner stakes. Boundaries run from the center of the stake to the center of the stake on each side, and gardeners are expected to maintain the area within and up to those boundaries. Any plot not maintained may be mowed by the Village of Lake in the Hills.
- Before planting, check and make sure you are in the correct plot. You may mark the boundaries of your plot but you may not extend your plot beyond the designated boundary lines. The Village of Lake in the Hills is not responsible for costs incurred for replanting.
- Water is provided at the nearby spigot, as noted on the map. This water is not potable (drinkable). **NO HOSES ALLOWED!**
- Plan to visit your garden two to three times a week during the growing season. Because your garden is not located outside your front or back door, it is sometimes easy to forget that there is weeding, watering, staking or harvesting to do.
- Know your neighbors around the garden site. Learn the names of your nongardening neighbors and a little about them. Share some extra produce. Take the time to visit them and discuss how the garden works.
- **MAINTAIN PLOTS:** All gardeners are responsible for maintaining their plots up to the boundaries between April 1st and October 31st.
- Conditions permitting, plots will be available for gardening beginning April 1st. It is the gardener's responsibility to maintain these plots throughout the growing season and to remove all debris by the end of October, the end of the community gardening year. The Public Works - Public Properties Division will till the gardens at the end of the season in preparation for the next spring season.

Garden Plot Map

Subject to availability and may change without notice year to year.





In Exchange for What the Village Provides, Community Gardeners Will...

The Village of Lake in the Hills is dedicated to operating a successful community garden plot program that meets the needs of community members and provides them with access to fresh, seasonal produce. In order to operate such a program, gardening standards have been established.

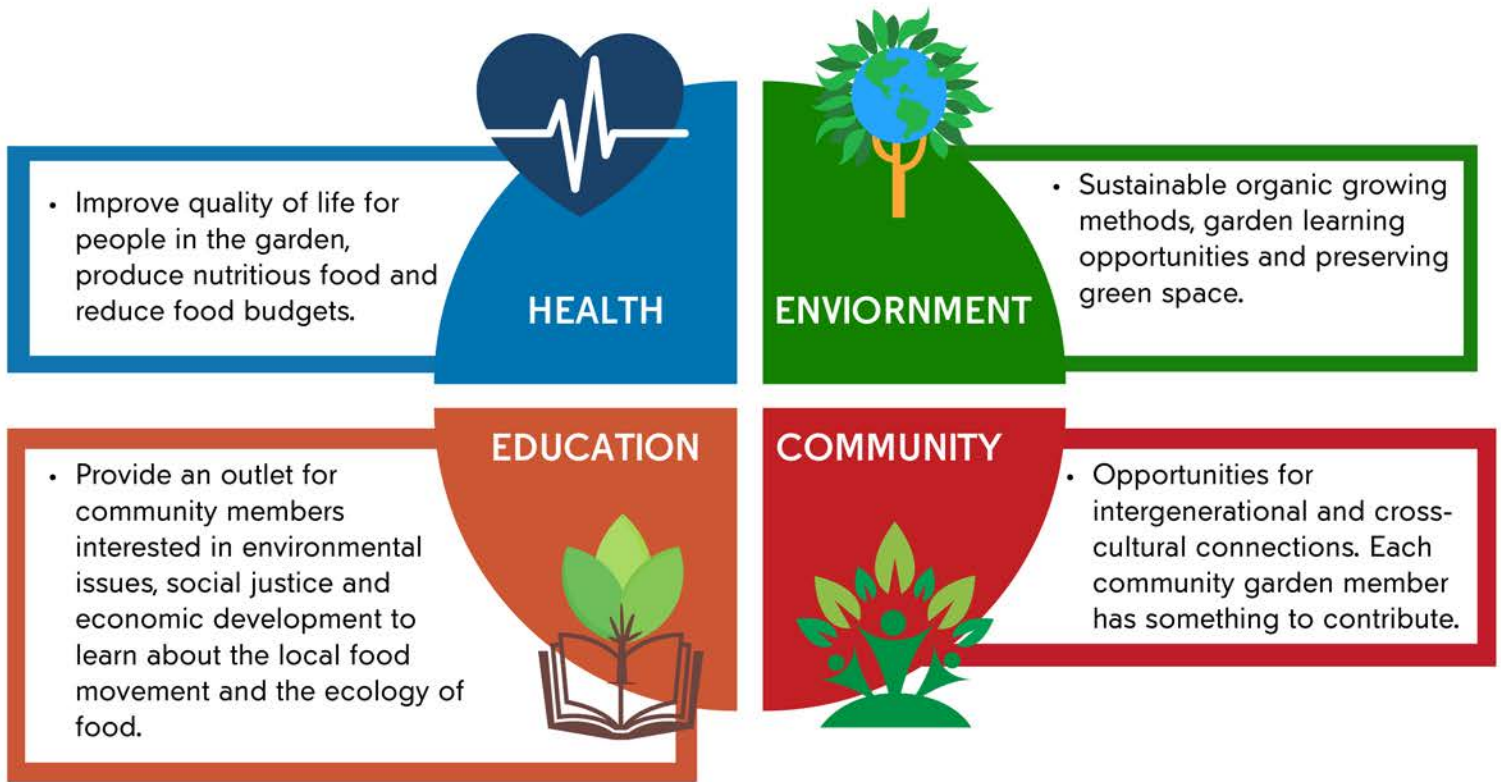
Please review the information on the following pages carefully as policies will be enforced in an effort to protect gardeners, the community and the Village of Lake in the Hills:

- All gardeners are required to complete an application form and pay the appropriate plot fee.
- **MAY 31** - Your garden must be "active," which means having at least two-thirds of the land in cultivation, weeds under control, spent plants removed, and crops harvested throughout the season.
- No signage, banners or any other advertising is allowed on Village of Lake in the Hills property.
- Should you decide to fence or stake your plot, you should first obtain permission from adjoining renters. If your plot is adjacent to a walking aisle, please leave a one (1) foot space between your fence and the aisle. All pathways are 24" wide. Do not include the path as part of your plot!
- Please be considerate of your neighbor. Do not walk through other gardens, and children should be closely supervised.
- All refuse or debris must be disposed of properly. Do not pile the debris along the outer edge of the garden plots.
- Plants regulated or prohibited by federal and state laws are prohibited in gardens. If any such plants are found, the permit for the parcel will be immediately revoked.
- Only plants that perform their entire life cycle from seed to flower within a single season are permitted in this program. This allows for a complete clean-up at the end of the season.
- Gardeners must maintain their entire plot area. All weeds must be kept at a minimum even if gardeners use only a portion of the plot. Additionally, if gardeners are not planning to utilize the plot for the entire season, the gardener is still responsible for maintaining the weeds in the plot even when not in use.
- Gardeners may use non-permanent structures such as sheds with non-permanent foundations, fences, raised beds, trellises, and deck box containers. Gardeners must maintain any structures in good repair.
- Growing tall plants such as corn or sunflowers is limited. Tall plants may not block the sun's access to a neighboring plot. It is recommended that tall plants be placed in the center of the plot to avoid this situation as much as possible.
- Gardeners should follow stringent organic gardening standards, wildlife and environmental practices and rules set out by the Village of Lake in the Hills. Therefore, the use of chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden. Use of raw human or animal waste, including "hot or green" manure, is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns; however, fully composted manures such as Tagro, steer, or chicken manures are allowed. Arrange crops properly; for example, early maturing crops such as lettuce and radishes can be planted between slower-growing crops like tomatoes, peppers or corn.
- Plots should not be home to excessive debris or garden waste. Weeds should not be taller than 2 feet in any section of the plot. Plots that are not maintained to this standard or left unkempt will be mowed boundary to boundary. The Village is not responsible for any loss of produce that occurs as a result of unmaintained/abandoned plot mowing. If you cannot maintain your plot and wish to formally abandon it, please notify the Public Works - Public Properties Division at (847) 960-7400 or CSD@lith.org.
- Renters who do not maintain their plots may not be permitted to rent the following year.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM

CORE BELIEFS



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT?

A community garden is a place to grow food, flowers and herbs with friends and neighbors. For others, it is a place to connect with nature or get exercise. Others use the community gardens simply because they do not have space to have a garden at their home or apartment.

REGISTRATION

Reservations for new and returning gardeners are accepted at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, during business hours. Returning gardeners may submit their paperwork via mail, drop-box or in person. All forms must be received by the applicable dates. Plot availability and location cannot be guaranteed and is subject to change each season.

The reservation periods are as follows:

Month of February: Returning gardeners may reserve the same plots rented the year prior.

First Monday in March: Open registration begins for all new and returning gardeners and resident non-profit groups.

FEES

Lake in the Hills Residents: \$30 per plot

Non-Residents: \$40 per plot

Resident Non-Profit Groups: \$28 per plot (limit 1 plot)