



Joliet Park District

Organic Community Garden



2017 Application

Important Dates

October 3 – Renewal Registration Begins for Returning Gardeners

October 31 – Open Registration

June 1 – Plots Must Be Planted

November 2 – Plots Must Be Cleaned Up

The garden is located on McDonough Street, Joliet. Call 815.741.7275 for more information



Dear Organic Gardener,

Welcome gardener! Since the inception of the garden in 2012, we've offered more than 50 gardening classes and special events varying in topics! We will continue educating our gardeners, as well as the general public, with our \$5 garden class series that will begin again in January. Mark your calendars and join us for the following classes and events:

Organic Planting Strategies, January 19

Garden Pop-Up Party, February 16

What Made My Good Plant Go Bad?, March 16

Pesticides, Fungicides, Oh My!, April 20

The Complete Tomato, May 18

Art in the Garden, June 15

Garden Walk, July 20

Sensational Salsas and Pestos, August 17

Yoga in the Garden, September 21

Bringing Your Garden From Outdoors In, October 19

Mission Statement

The mission of Joliet Park District Organic Community Garden is to provide a space for members to come together and garden, to enhance the environment and to improve the quality of life of the Joliet area and to serve as a community-building and educational resource centered on dignity and respect.

General Information

Plot Information and Identification

The garden plots are located on McDonough Street (across from Inwood Golf Course). Plots will be staked and ready for planting at the earliest possible date, with consideration to weather and soil conditions. Garden plots are identified with a permanent numbered wooden sign placed in the left corner of each plot.

Plot Fees

	Full Size Plot 10' x 20'	Half Size Plot 10' x 10'
Resident (With Current RDC*)	\$50	\$25
Non-Resident	\$75	\$37.50

* To receive resident discount rates, you must bring your Resident Discount Card. To obtain a Resident Discount Card you must prove Joliet residency with (1) form of picture I.D. (in addition to RDC), and a current property tax or utility bill showing your name and address.

Organic Reminders

The use of synthetic or chemical pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides is not permitted in the garden. Park District personnel will not use these chemicals either, but will continue with an appropriate level of maintenance.

ADA Raised Garden Plots

ADA raised garden plots will be offered to individuals with special needs. Please indicate on your registration form if you are requesting a raised garden plot due to special needs. The half-size plot fees also apply to raised plots.

Garden Hotline

If you have questions about planting, weeding, harvesting, or other general gardening questions, call Nancy Kuhajda, Master Gardener and Extension Program Coordinator University of Illinois Extension at 815.727.9296 or email kuhajda@illinois.edu.

Maintenance

Our garden is on land that has been lent to us by the State of Illinois and the Joliet Park District. Understand that this is a community garden and in order for it to succeed, gardener support is needed to maintain the site, manage compost, and help keep pathways clear of debris and weeds.

Parking

Shared parking is located at the River Valley Justice Center, 3200 W. McDonough Street. Street parking and parking in any grassy area is strictly prohibited and can result in a ticket.

Organic Gardener Guidelines for 2017

The following guidelines have been established by the Joliet Park District. The Park District requests that gardeners assume certain responsibilities for their plot(s). Please read the guidelines and direct any questions to Katie Zaban at 815.741.7275 ext 601.

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. The application fee is due at registration. To qualify for resident discount rates, you must bring your Resident Discount Card. To obtain a Resident Discount Card you must prove Joliet residency with (1) form of picture I.D. (in addition to RDC), and a current property tax or utility bill showing your name and address.
2. Gardening classes and events are scheduled from January through October. Monthly garden classes are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month from 6 – 7 pm in the Inwood Athletic Club Board Room. (See inside cover for class/special event calendar)
3. All plots must be planted by June 1. The Park District may reassign unplanted plots, without refund, after this date.
4. Before planting, check the numbered stake to be certain you are in the correct plot. If you are unsure of your plot number, contact Katie at 815.741.7275 ext. 601 before planting.
5. Shared parking is located at the River Valley Justice Center, 3200 W. McDonough Street. Street parking is prohibited and can result in a ticket.
6. All gardeners are responsible for keeping pathways around their plot clear and weed free.
7. For ease of hose use, plot pathways must remain intact, even with adjacent plots. Removal of pathways is prohibited.

8. **Weed Policy and Consequences**

Participating in a community garden affords you an opportunity and a responsibility to your fellow gardeners. In order to ensure good gardening practices, plots must be reasonably maintained. Reasonably maintained means weeds under control (less than 6" tall) and plants regularly cared for, watered and harvested. Plants must not exceed plot boundaries. The Park District has the right to mow the entire plot if the plot is not maintained after a warning is issued. Gardeners will have one week to weed before the plot is mowed.

Weeds compete with other plants in your garden and can quickly become invasive. If weeds are left to go to seed they will affect your neighbor's garden as well. Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot weed free.

9. Trees are not allowed to be planted.
10. Plant tall plants and vines within the boundaries of your plot where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot.
11. Pick up and dispose of litter.
12. Put weeds and dead plants from your garden plot into the compost bins provided. No plant material should be brought in by outside sources. Do not leave weeds or other debris in the pathway.
13. Each person is responsible for only their plot(s) and surrounding pathways. Do not apply anything to, or pick from another person's plot without his/her express approval.
14. Unattended watering is not permitted. Make sure all faucets are off and hoses are disconnected when leaving the garden.
15. The following are not permitted: planting of illegal plants; smoking and chewing tobacco (tobacco can transmit a virus to plants and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins) pets, drugs, alcohol, radios, boom boxes and fires.
16. Children should not be unattended in the garden.
17. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours.
18. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to Katie at 815.741.7275 ext. 601. If there is an emergency, call 911.
19. The Joliet Park District is not responsible for: costs related to individual garden plots, theft, damage, vandalism or any other acts of destruction or loss. The Park District makes no guarantees for water drainage, growth, or drought.
20. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials must be removed and disposed of properly whether you are returning or not. All gardens should be left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned up by November 2, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season.
21. If you plan to discontinue the use of your garden space at any time during the growing season, let us know as soon as possible so your plot can be reassigned.
22. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and enjoy!
23. Violation of gardener guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated, you will be contacted by phone, e-mail and/or U.S. mail. You will then have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.

2017 Application

(Renewal registration begins October 3, 2016, Open registration begins October 31)

Gardener's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Gardener's E-mail (Due to limited time and resources, we need a reliable way of contacting you) _____ **Do You Check Email Regularly? Yes No**

Gardener's Phone _____

RETURNING GARDENERS

- 2016 plot number(s) _____
- Do you wish to keep your current plot number(s)? Yes No
If no, see #5
- Do you want additional plots? Yes No
- If so, how many _____
of 10 x 20' # of 10 x 10'
- If you wish to vacate your existing plot assignment(s) to move, please indicate the quantity of plots: _____
of 10 x 20' # of 10 x 10'
- ADA raised beds are available to individuals with special needs. Do you require an ADA special needs raised bed? Yes No

NEW GARDENERS

- Number of plots requested _____
of 10 x 20' # of 10 x 10'
- ADA raised beds are available on a first come, first serve basis to individuals with special needs. Do you require an ADA special needs raised bed? Yes No

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Size (Resident)	_____
	x \$50.00 =
	quantity
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Size (Non-Resident)	_____
	x \$75.00 =
	quantity
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Size (Resident)	_____
	x \$25.00 =
	quantity
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Size (Non-Resident)	_____
	x \$37.50 =
	quantity
Total = _____	
Full Size program #17N-0-7750A	
Half Size program #17N-0-7750B	

Please list any suggestions or comments regarding the garden.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guide and plan to abide by all of the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor the Joliet Park District is responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and the Joliet Park District for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guest. Photo disclaimer: Registrants and participants permit the taking of photos and videos of themselves and their children during Park District activities for publication and use as the Park District deems necessary.

Gardener's Signature

Date

Payment Information

Check \$ _____ _____
Amount Check #

Cash \$ _____
Amount

Credit Card Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Billing Address Zip Code

Exp. Date

3 Digit Code

Account Number

Billing Address

Cardholder Name

\$ _____
Amount of Charge

Authorized Signature

Mail completed application and payment (make checks payable to: Joliet Park District) to: Joliet Park District Organic Community Garden, c/o Katie Zaban, 3000 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois 60435