



Community Garden Plots

Important Dates

February	Plot renewals close for returning gardeners
March	Plot rentals open to all gardeners
April	Lottery to choose plots for returning gardeners who request a new plot & new gardeners
May 1	Plots open for gardening season (weather depending)
November 1	Last day of gardening season

Information, Rules, and Guidelines

A. Location

There are fifty-two, approximately 20' x 20' garden plots at Marjorie Davis Park, located at 285 W. Grantley Ave. in Elmhurst, IL.

B. Growing Season

The goal is to have the garden plots ready for gardening starting on May 1 and end for the year on November 1. Dates may vary depending on weather or other unforeseeable circumstances.

C. Registration Fee

The registration fee for a 20' x 20' plot is \$74 for residents of the Elmhurst Park District, \$90 for non-residents and \$60 for senior citizen residents of the Elmhurst Park District age 62 or older.

D. Registration

Those who had a plot the previous year will be given the option to renew their plot prior to registration opening to the public. Registration will be limited to one plot per household. Garden plots not renewed will be offered to the public by a lottery sometime in the middle of March. A lottery will be held to choose plots before the gardening season starts for any returning gardeners that request to pick a new plot and any new gardeners. After that, it is first come, first served.

E. Rules and Guidelines

1. Plots will be leased to a single individual, family, or organized group for one season (approximately May 1st through November 1st). Any changes or transfer of plots must be approved by the Elmhurst Park District.
2. Street parking is available on Grantley Ave. and Myrtle Ave.
3. Before planting, gardeners should check the numbered stake to be certain they are on the correct plot. If gardeners are not sure of the plot number, they should contact the Park District before planting. The Park District is not responsible for costs incurred for replanting.
4. While the Park District rototills the soil at the beginning of the season, gardeners may need to rototill just prior to planting. Hand tilling is allowed. Power tillers are not allowed.
5. All gardeners must provide their own tools and accessories. The Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment.
6. Should you decide to fence 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. Do not include the path as part of your plot.
7. Herbicides and pesticides are not permitted. The garden plots are in one of our pesticide free parks. You can use mulch or grass clippings to minimize the growth of weeds. Weeds should be manually removed and placed in the landscape waste area located near the garden. **Matting and other weed barriers that can get caught up in and damage district rototilling equipment are not allowed.**
8. Please be considerate of your neighbor. Do not walk through other gardens. Children should be closely supervised.
9. Gardeners are expected to weed and maintain their entire plot throughout the season until closing on November 1.
10. All refuse or debris must be disposed of properly. Do not pile the debris along the outer edge of the garden plots. Please use the space provided for landscape waste on site for all bio-degradable plant material. Non-compostable material should be disposed of in trash cans. If the materials do not fit in a can, please leave them next to a trash can for district staff to dispose of.
11. No signage, banners or any other advertising is allowed on Park District property.

12. All fencing, stakes, and personal affects must be removed no later than November 1st. Any materials/equipment left behind will be disposed of accordingly. Depending on weather conditions the plots will be turned over for the following season after this date.
13. Any plot not planted/used by July 1 may be leased to the next person on the waiting list; no refund will be issued for original plot(s) holder.
14. If weeds reach 12” tall, the Park District has the right to mow the entire plot. In such a case, a red stake will be placed in the plot, a phone call warning will be issued, and renter will have one week to weed before it will be mowed. If a second weed violation occurs, the same procedure will take place. A third offense will result in forfeiting use of the plot.
15. The Park District’s goal is to have the plots opened by May 1st, depending on the weather or other circumstances. The opening may be delayed. Communication will be sent out to alert gardeners when the plots will be ready for gardening.
16. Each garden plot will be numbered by the Parks Department per the attached map. Please keep this number visible somewhere in your plot. This will help navigate the garden and prevent someone from accidentally planting in your plot.
17. Water is provided at the nearby spigots, as noted on the attached map. This water is not potable (drinkable). Hoses are not provided. Gardeners must provide their own hoses or other means of getting water from the spigots to their plots. Anything that is used must be cleaned up and either left on your plot or taken home with you when you are done watering.
18. Nothing should be placed in the aisles, which are mowed by Park District staff.
19. **SECURITY:** Should illegal activities, such as theft, alcohol use, malicious damage, illegal dumping, etc. be observed, please contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 630.530.3050.

Renters garden at their own risk. Since the plots are in a public park, the public cannot be banned from these areas. The Elmhurst Park District assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property, plants or produce at the garden plots.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Amy Srail at 630-993-8961 or asrail@epd.org.

Happy Gardening!

Garden Plot Layout

The Elmhurst Park District Garden Plots are located in Marjorie Davis Park
285 W. Grantley Ave. in Elmhurst.

