

STOW PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. & STOW COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION

2022 STOW COMMUNITY GARDEN

5070 STOW ROAD, STOW, OH 44224 (OPPOSITE SILVER SPRINGS PARK)

DATES & PRICES

<u>Plot Sizes & Prices:</u>

Full Plot Size: 20'x20' Fee: \$20/plot.

Up to three plots per returning gardener. 2 plots maximum for new gardeners. Location of additional plots may vary and cannot be guaranteed.

2022 Gardeners Registration:

All returning gardeners must be registered by **Friday, April 29, 2022.** Any gardeners not registered by the deadline will not be guaranteed their previous site(s).

To register: stowohio.recdesk.com or return registration form and payment to Stow Parks and Recreation, 3760 Darrow Rd. Stow, OH 44224

Open Registration for 2022 Garden:

New Gardeners may register for a 2022 plot online beginning Monday, May 9, 2022. To register: stowohio.recdesk.com

<u>Planting</u>:

⇒ Garden plots may only be planted <u>AFTER the Garden has been plowed, and ALL Garden</u> <u>Plots</u>

have been staked and numbered.

- ⇒ The Stow Community Gardens are <u>normally</u> plowed and staked & ready for planting around Memorial Day. (Weather Dependent)
- ⇒ If Gardens are not prepared due to poor weather conditions, watch the bulletin board at the Garden Shed or at the Garden Scarecrow Sign Post for further instructions.
- ⇒ A chart of the numbered garden plots will be posted on the garden bulletin board with gardener's name & plot number.

Gardens Plots must be Planted By:

Sunday, June 19, 2022 (or it will be considered forfeited)

End of Season:

All produce must be harvested and all materials removed from your plot by **Sunday, October 2, 2022.** The Community Garden Association is not responsible for any items leftover after this date. Gardeners may lose privileges for the following year if they do not comply.



The Stow Community Garden Planning Committee can amend the rules for the benefit of the Garden Program.

In Registering for a Garden Plot You Agree to abide by the Stow Community Garden Rules/Regulations. Stow Parks & Recreation Department. Stow Parks & Recreation Dept. 3760 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224 330-689-5100

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•PLANTING - START OF SEASON:

Gardens are normally ready for planting <u>around Memorial Day</u>. <u>DO NOT Plant</u> prior to ALL gardens being staked with plot numbers. (Weather dependent) Gardens planted before plot numbering is complete or those using unassigned plots are subject to loss of plot. A chart of the numbered garden plots will be posted on the Garden Bulletin Board with Gardener's Name & Plot Number.



•LOCATING YOUR GARDEN: GARDENER'S NAME / PLOT #'S ARE LISTED AT GARDEN SHED IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE ON THE PATH (4' wide) TO LOCATE YOUR NUMBERED STAKE. Your garden is to the RIGHT of your numbered stake in the lower left corner of your garden plot.



BY <u>SUNDAY, JUNE 19 2022</u> WILL BE FORFEITED WITHOUT REFUND & RE-ASSIGNED.

•UNWORKED PLOTS: If you are on vacation or ill ask other Gardeners to water, weed and harvest for you.



All Produce must be harvested from your plot by: Sunday, October 2, 2022. You are required to remove ALL stakes, string, wire cages, etc. off your plot by this date. Please DO NOT REMOVE

the PLOT # STAKES that were installed by the Community Garden Association.



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2022 STOW COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES & MAINTENANCE

WATER USE: Water spigots are available at the garden. Gardeners <u>must be at the garden</u> site at all times when watering- <u>Do NOT let water run openly without need</u>. There is an expense associated with water used in the gardens – We ask that Gardeners practice water conservation.

GARDEN HOSES: Hoses are not provided by the Stow Community Garden but are donated by other gardeners. Note: Gardeners using a watering can or jug have priority to the water supply. Most gardeners who use garden hoses attach a "Y" connection with a cutoff valve between the water spigot and their hose so others may use the spigot without interruptions. *Hoses may not be removed from the attached water spigots -* **Do not leave a hose in the aisles; after each use please recoil the hose at the spigot for the next user.**

PLASTIC GROUND COVER, PLASTIC TAPE, FISHING LINE, WIRE

FENCING, STYROFOAM - <u>Are Not Permitted in garden plots</u>. If found; these materials will be removed. These materials have broken equipment when mowing & plowing and or are not biodegradable. Recommended alternatives: Wood Chips, grass clippings, straw, paper. <u>Fabric type</u> ribbon, string, rope or cloth strips may be used to mark plot. *Remember you must remove all materials you place in garden at the end of season*. The Stow Community Garden Association and Stow Parks & Recreation Department are not responsible for materials used in the gardens.

MESH FENCING, IF UTILIZED, MUST BE STAKED ON THE *INSIDE OF THE* <u>GARDEN PLOT</u> SO AS NOT TO SAG INTO THE AISLE.

GARDENING HOURS: The Stow Community Garden is located within a Stow City Park and thus gardeners must follow all City of Stow and Stow Park Ordinances. Parks including the gardens are open from Dawn to Dusk. You may not be in the gardens after dusk.

DOGS/PETS/ALCOHOL/FIREARMS: No alcohol, smoking, drugs or firearms are permitted in the gardens. No dogs are permitted in the garden area.

PLANTINGS: All garden plants should be contained within your plot. No stacking of plant materials. Tall plants should be planted in the center of your plot so as not to shade a garden neighbor's plot.

WEEDS / ROCKS / DEBRIS: should be placed in the designated areas, not in aisles or at water spigots. Each gardener is responsible for keeping their plot weed free and keeping the adjoining aisles clear. Use only natural or organic weed/animal deterrents. <u>Round Up or chemical weed killers are NOT permitted.</u>

CHILDREN: are welcome in the garden, but must be supervised by an <u>Adult at ALL Times</u>.

PILFERAGE/THEFT: Anyone caught stealing will be put out of the Community Garden Program & Stow Police will be contacted. Gardeners should attempt to become acquainted with other gardeners using the surrounding plots and help in protecting the gardens from theft or vandalism. If you are suspicious of behavior please take note and contact the Stow Parks & Recreation Department.

HARVEST: Gardeners should pick their produce when ready, thereby avoiding tempting others. Only registered gardeners or their designee are permitted to harvest their garden plot.

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