

The Petoskey Community Victory Garden (PCVG) Summer 2011

Plot registration for the Petoskey Community Victory Garden (PCVG) 2011 season has begun. There are a limited number of plots available. Please read the PCVG General Rules, complete the Application Form and submit. Applications may be submitted via e mail at petoskeygarden@gmail.com (please put PCVG Application Request in the subject line) or U.S. mail to: PCVG Application Request, 5881 S. Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. You will be contacted by a PCVG member regarding your application request within four weeks of submitting your application.

Plots use is available May - October 31, 2011. Plot sizes and fees are as follows:

1. Small plots (\$20) are approximately 10 ft. x 3 ft.
2. Medium plots (\$25) are approximately 10 ft. x 12 ft.
3. Large plots (\$30) are approximately 10 ft. x 20 ft.

Please DO NOT send payment for fees with your application. Fees may be waived based upon financial need. Gardeners can have their plot fee waived (at the end of the season) in exchange for participating in three (3) garden work day sessions.

Once applications have been received, a community garden member will contact you to review your application, the General Rules and payment for the plot fee . Please note that the rules are critical to helping ensure all gardeners have an enjoyable experience.

The PCVG will supply the following resources:

Irrigation system	Compost and mulch	Pre-tilled topsoil plots
Gardening tools	Gardening knowledge	Compost bins & mulch

We will do our best to provide seedlings. If you choose to bring your own seeds or seedlings to plant, it is mandatory that they are NON-GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms). To be on the safe side, we recommend purchasing organic seeds.

Please read all rules regarding what types of seeds/seedlings that will be permitted. This is important as some plants have spreading and shading habits that may inhibit growth of other plants.

The Petoskey Community Victory Garden General Rules & Participation Policy Summer 2011

As a community garden, we encourage participation in garden activities. Various garden events will be planned throughout the summer and are intended to be fun and share gardening knowledge with gardeners.

There are also three (3) garden activities that require at least one member from a family/group participate. Those events are: 1) A garden kick off meeting. This meeting will include information on garden design, crop information and answer any questions you may have. It will also give gardeners the opportunity to meet other gardeners. Families/groups will be assigned their plots at this time. 2) A Spring work day that will involve constructing garden plots and filling with topsoil. This is a very important activity. It is through the effort of our gardeners that we are able to build the plots that gardeners will in turn use to plant their crops. 3) A Fall garden clean-up day (after the first frost) to ensure the garden is clean and materials are being composted.

Garden plots are intended for organic vegetable gardening purposes only.

The garden area will be open from 7 AM - 8 PM, seven days-a-week.

Gardeners are required to periodically volunteer their time for general maintenance to keep the garden site looking good.

Please return garden tools to the on-site garden shed.

Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.

Keep rocks out of pathways and borders. Put them in the designated area.

Please park in designated areas. Dogs/pets are not allowed. If you require the use of a service dog, as outlined in the American Disabilities Act, please indicate this on your Application.

Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots.

A bulletin board with garden news and updates is located in the garden shed. The bulletin board is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden related purposes.

Any rule to be added to these general rules must be approved by a majority of the participating gardeners.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact one of the community garden members.

Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling or tall crops that might interfere with others. Please refer to recommended crop listing. Don't let your plants or weeds creep into the aisles or into your neighbor's plot.

Harvest only from your assigned plot. No stealing of anything is permitted. Should it become known that you have taken anything (e.g., vegetables, tools, hose, plants or anything else) you will lose the use of your plot immediately and will not be compensated for your plot fee.

We intend to install deer fencing in the Spring of 2011.

You are encouraged to have a decorative (have fun with this) sign that declares your name or that of your organization staked and displayed in your plot area.

Drip irrigation will be provided for a portion of the garden. Some areas will have drip irrigation and others will need to be watered by hand. There are faucet and hoses located throughout the garden to assist in hand watering. Water is expensive so please be sure to turn off faucets when not in use.

Notify a community garden member if you are no longer able to tend your plot or will be absent for a long period of time.

Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the tool shed when done. Tools are not to be taken home overnight.

Each gardener must clear his/her plot of decorative materials, trellises, string and all inorganic materials by the fall clean-up date.

Gardeners with plots that have not been planted by June 1, 2011 (weather permitting) will be notified.

Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel you can use all of them, there are food banks that will accept donations. We encourage donations to the Manna Food Project. Please coordinate this donation by contacting www.mannafoodproject.org or at 8791 McBride Park Drive, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740, telephone (231) 347-8852.

Organic Practices - Recommended Crops for Plot Sizes

The PCVG is proud to be practicing organic farming techniques. Any pest control and/or fertilizers input must be organically certified ONLY!

Using herbicides and black plastic mulches is not permitted.

Mulching, composting and topsoil materials will be provided.

Fruit trees are not permitted.

Recommended crops:

Lettuces/Greens

Herbs

Tomatoes

Peppers

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Root Vegetables (carrots, beets, radishes, etc.)

Squash (recommended for medium and large plots)

Cucumbers (recommended for medium and large plots)

Melons (recommended for medium and large plots)

Flowers (species in which growing heights are under 24" tall)

Note: Crops that tend to spread or vine will require tending by the gardener to insure that it does not invade neighbor's plots.

Petoskey Community Victory Garden Application Form



Please complete this page and submit as indicated below.

Your compliance with the General Rules will help ensure an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with these policies during the season may result in a loss of gardening privileges and forfeiture of plot fees. You can expect a reply to your request within four weeks.

I have read and understand all the General Rules and promise to follow them.

Name of Gardener/Family/Group _____

Contact Name _____

Email Address _____
(This is how we will communicate with gardeners)

Home Address (address, city and zip code) _____

Phone Number _____

Plot Size & Fee*: ___ Small 3x10 (\$20) ___ Medium 12x10 (\$25) ___ Large 20x10 (\$30)

Plot sizes will be appointed on a first-come-first-serve method.

*Plot fee can be waived (at the end of the season) for gardeners who participate in three (3) garden work day sessions

Do you need help paying for your plot fee? ___ Yes ___ No

Signature of Applicant/Gardener _____ Date _____

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To Be Completed By PCVG

Date Request Received _____ Date Applicant Notified _____

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