

***Garden of Hope:** a community garden at Westminster Presbyterian Church*

1419 N 17th Street, Belleville, Illinois 62226

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Rules for Harmony

Rent is \$20 per plot for use from March 1 through November 30.

Please wait to plant until after a plot has been officially assigned to you.

Practice good garden management techniques. See the handout provided, or speak with Katie for more information.

We strive to be an organic garden. (For more information about weed and pest management, please see the list of suggested organic treatment options.)

With any garden treatment avoid allowing the spray or powder to drift onto other garden plots.

Deposit plant waste into the appropriate designated enclosure.

No pets in the garden

Pick produce only from your own plot.

Only water your own plot unless specific arrangements have been made. After watering your garden plot, please shut the water off at church building, then disconnect and roll up the hoses. Leave the hose open so that water pressure does not build up inside the hose.

We strive to be good stewards of our resources. Please do not let produce rot in the garden. If you find yourself with more produce than you are able to use, please consider donating your abundance. St. Augustine's food pantry (located at 1910 W. Belle in Belleville; 618-233-3813) receives food donations on Mondays and Thursdays from 1pm-4pm. The Interfaith Food Pantry (located at 1218 W. Main Street in Belleville; 618-355-9199) receives food donation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm-3pm and Tuesday and Saturdays from 9am-11am.

Please keep your plot weeded. Please also keep the paths around your garden plot clear and weed free. Gardeners will receive 2 warnings if their garden is in need of weeding, and then plots with weeds gone to seed will be rototilled.

Clear all debris when you have finished for the season.

Key to the shed will be available in the church office (open 9am - noon, Mon-Fri).

Contact Katie with concerns or comments ... or for additional access to tools.

Use Garden Directory (contact info for other gardeners) for garden use only.

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Application to Garden and/or Volunteer

Complete this form and return it, along with your plot rental (if applicable), to the church office by April 1. The coordinator will contact you with your plot designation or volunteer assignment.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Garden Application

Volunteer Application

Both

The Garden of Hope is truly a community garden: we not only make space available for our neighbors to tend their own plots, we also encourage our neighbors to be involved in other aspects of the garden. There are many ways that you can help with the ministry of the Garden of Hope. What area are you interested in helping with:

composting

weeding

blackberries

fruit trees

liaison to food pantries

grapes

mulching

harvesting and delivering

garden cleanup

Plots are limited to 1 plot per person until after April 15th.

If additional plots are available, would you like another one? _____

I would like my contact info to be included in the garden directory. _____

(Initial here)

I have read the Garden of Hope "Rules for Harmony" and will abide by them. _____

(Initial here)

I will hold harmless Westminster Presbyterian Church for liability, damage, loss, or claims that occurs in connection with garden use by me or my guests. _____

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Gardeners may use up to 3 of the community garden's tomato cages until May 15. After that time, and depending on availability, the rest of the tomato cages will be distributed evenly.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Plot # assigned _____ Date of payment _____ Method of payment _____ Key _____

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Top 10 Good Gardening Practices

1. Start and stay healthy-make sure you are planting healthy plants and clean seeds in good, well draining soil, watering and feeding as required.
2. Seek resistant varieties of plants-they usually have letters after the name indicating disease tolerance.
3. Elbow room-space plants so they will all get air circulation and the sunlight they need.
4. Irrigate below the foliage-drip irrigation and watering under the leaves will reduce disease and water waste. If you must overhead water, morning is best so the leaves can dry off quickly.
5. Rotate crop families if possible. This will reduce pest and disease build up from year to year. If not possible, be sure to follow practice #2.
6. Scout often-examine plants from top to bottom regularly to catch problems early, reducing damage and the need for sprays or other controls.
7. Accurately identify the problem-know your pest and its life cycle and development so an effective control method can be used.
8. Pull weeds regularly-**before** they go to seed. They harbor insect, pests and diseases and compete for light, moisture and nutrients.
9. Clean up-by removing rotten fruits and residues when a crop is done.
10. Look for organic controls to minimize damage to the environment (see the organic pesticide recommendations) and mechanical methods, like floating row covers, netting, sticky traps or hand removal.

Organic Pesticides

NOTE: "Organic" does not always mean "safe" for people, plants or the environment (including our friends the bees). Be sure to research home recipes for safety and correct usage. Read pesticide labels carefully for information on timing, method and amount of application. Follow all safety instructions. Some available organic pesticides include:

Neem Oil (Azadirachtin) - aphids, leaf miners, looper caterpillars, mealy bugs, thrips, whiteflies, foliar feeding beetles, mites. Prevents powdery mildew, controls some rust and fungi.

Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) - a bacterial insecticide that works on young, actively feeding pests: var. kurstaki - beetle larvae and caterpillars; var. san diego - beetle larvae; var. israelensis - fly and mosquito larvae; var. tenebrius - Colorado potato beetle

Bordeaux mix - controls some foliar diseases and may control some insects.

Chitin - nematode control.

Copper - prevents some fungal and bacterial foliar disease.

Diatomaceous earth - controls insect, slugs and mites.

Growth regulators(Enstar) - disrupts maturation process of insects.

Horticultural oils - controls mites, aphids, scale insects, and other soft bodies pests.

Insecticidal soaps - different formulations control mites and soft bodied insects or weeds.

Sulfur - helps control mites and is used as a preventative for some foliar diseases.

Lime and lime-sulfur - controls mites and is used for foliar disease control.

d-Limonene(citrus rind extract) - controls ants, aphids mealy bugs, gnats. Weed control.

Pyrethrum (dried flower heads of pyrethrum daisies) - controls flying pests, aphids, beetles, caterpillars, thrips, mealy bugs. (Pyrethrins are extracted compounds from pyrethrum daisies. Pyrethroids are synthetic pyrethrins and are more toxic and not considered organic.)

Rotenone - controls beetles, slugs, caterpillars, mosquitoes, thrips, flies and mites.

Streptomycin and terramycin - control bacterial diseases.

Acetic Acid(vinegar or horticultural formulas) - foliar knock down for weeds.

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