



covenant church

GLEN ELLYN

COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

The following guidelines and rules are intended to make the Community Garden a success for...well, the *community*. Should you have any questions or concerns with the garden rules, please email info@gecovenant.org.

Church Info

277 Hawthorne St
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630.469.5405
www.gecovenant.org

Plots

The plots are at least 8' x 12'. Each individual, family or organized group is eligible to reserve one garden plot per year. Plots are only to be used for gardening. If you wish to use a plot for flower gardening, please make that known at the time of your request.

Fee

There is no fee for using the plots. Instead, we ask that you donate at least 10% of your produce to families in need (more details below). Tax-deductible monetary donations to the church are welcomed. Checks may be made out to Glen Ellyn Covenant Church and we ask that you include "Community Garden" in the memo.

Water

Water will be made available via the property adjacent to the church and garden (yellow house). See separate water information sheet for instructions.

PLEASE: **Do not connect hoses to the church building and run them across church parking lot.**

Rules and Regulations

- 1) *Tools:* All gardeners must provide their own tools and accessories. There is no on-site storage facility for gardeners. For the safety of all, we cannot allow gardeners to leave tools on the church property.
- 2) *Parking:* You may park in the church parking lot. Please do not drive into the green space where the garden is located. On Sundays, between 9am and 4pm, please park at Hadley Jr. High, located just west of the church on Hawthorne St.
- 3) *Being Neighborly:* Please be respectful of others who will be sharing the garden space with you. In particular, please consider the following:
 - Use the gates provided to enter and exit the garden. Try stay between plots, so as to not trample anyone's plants. If you have young children in the garden with you, AWESOME! Please help them to understand how to respect others' plots as well.
 - Bring what you need, but please pick up after yourself. Please take all garbage with you. Weeds and plants can be deposited in the yard waste dumpster. If you have your own compost, please use it in order to free up space for others. No trash, plastic, cloth, or metal in yard waste - only growing items. When you clean your garden in fall, please use yard waste bags.
 - Consider what you grow and how it will affect your neighbors. For example, if you grow beans up a trellis, locate the trellis where it will not block the sunlight to another's plot. Please do not plant plants that spread (e.g. cucumbers or pumpkins).
 - Do not take anything from anyone's plot. Label your tools, if possible. If you find anyone's tools, please return them to the church office (open M-Th 9:00a-4:00p and Fri 9:00a-1:00p) or put in as secure a place as possible by the garden.
- 4) *Chemicals:* The community garden is intended to be a source of *safe* and *healthy* produce for individuals and families. Please do not use synthetic chemicals as fertilizer, pest control, or plant treatment agents (e.g. Roundup® and MiracleGro®).

Details on Making Donations

As stated above, we ask that you donate at least 10% of your produce to those who do not have access to fresh and safe produce. If you are familiar with individuals or families in need, please give directly to them. Please feel free to support any local organizations that distribute to those in need. Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church recommends bringing donations to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry (see www.glenellynfoodpantry.org for details). If you are interested in volunteering in any of our ministries to those in need, please email the church office at info@gecovenant.org.

Liability

All gardeners must complete a registration form—either a paper copy or online—and sign an acknowledgment and understanding of our *Waiver and Release of All Claims* statement.