

# Coldwater Community Gardens

## Looking for a place to grow a garden?



Sign-Up for a plot at the new  
Coldwater Community Gardens!



**Where?** Garden Plots are located at the Village Field near railroad tracks East of WorkflowOne parking lot.

**How?** - Sign-up at the village front office and you will be assigned a 25ft x 25ft garden plot. Larger group plots are available. Sign-Up ends March 31st.

**When?** - Gardening may begin after April 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cost?** - There is a \$20.00 fee per year for 1 garden plot. Access to water will be available.

## What to do with your harvested produce:

- Bring produce home to use for cooking and eating.
- Donate produce to the local food pantry.
- Sell your produce to the local Farmer's Market.

Gardeners must follow the Community Gardens Rules and Responsibilities.

For more information, visit the village website at [www.villageofcoldwater.com](http://www.villageofcoldwater.com)

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## Rules and Responsibilities

- a) The Gardens are only for citizens residing within the Village of Coldwater corporation limits.
- b) Gardening is permitted to begin on your plot April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year after tilling is completed.
- c) Gardens are to be well maintained and to be used for the growing of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and other annuals. No permanent woody plants, large shrubs or trees are permitted to be planted.
- d) All gardens will be tilled under in Early Spring and Late Fall of every year to loosen the soil. Timing of the tilling will depend on the weather/soil conditions.
- e) Harvesting: It is up to the plot gardener to decide what they would like to use their harvested produce for. All produce must be harvested by November 1<sup>st</sup> before gardens are tilled under.
- f) Ideas for what to do with your harvest include:
  - a. Bring produce home to use for cooking and eating
  - b. Donate produce to the local food pantry
  - c. Sell your produce to a local Farmer's Market
- g) Gardeners are only permitted to use homeowner rated pesticides, fungicides, and fertilizers. They must follow the label and directions stated on the product when using chemicals and fertilizers.
- h) Temporary garden fences are permitted throughout the season to be used only for animal control and damage prevention. No permanent fences are allowed.
- i) The Village of Coldwater will inspect all the garden plots every month to ensure they are properly maintained and weeded. If a garden plot is not properly maintained, the Village has the right to end the rent agreement between the gardener and the garden plot will be tilled under.
- j) Water will be provided from the Village for the gardeners by water tanks nearby. Gardeners are permitted and encouraged to bring their own water. The water tanks will be monitored and filled when empty. If the all water tanks are empty, please notify the Village Office.
- k) The Village of Coldwater is not responsible for securing the area and will not pay for damages or replacement of plants, produce, stakes, fences, or garden tools.
- l) The community garden is available from sunrise to sunset. No gardening is permitted during dark hours.
- m) All plots will be marked with a wood stake stating the number of each garden plot. All gardeners must only garden in their marked plot(s).
- n) After harvesting and gardening is complete, leaving dead plant material lay in the garden is okay. For larger plants leftover, please place plants like tomatoes, sunflowers and large plants in the compost pile along the railroad tracks.
- o) The gardens will be tilled only twice a year (April and November). Timing of the tilling depends on weather and soil conditions. Extra tilling by gardeners is permitted throughout the season.
- p) Compost, manure or other soil amendments may be added to the garden(s) by the gardeners.
- q) All gardeners will be able to keep their reserved plot every year as long as the renewal fee is paid.
- r) At the end of the gardening season, please remove all garden stakes, tomato cages, posts, strings, temporary fences or other materials before the fall tilling.**
- s) If rocks are found in your garden, place the rocks in a pile around the garden plot stake. They will be later picked up by Village employees.