



Saginaw Charter Township
Common Ground Community Garden Guidelines and Rules

1. Individual garden plots are to be used for growing vegetables and flowers for family use, not for commercial sales. If you have excess produce, please share or donate.
2. **The garden will officially open May 16th.** The Township's Community Development Department is responsible for processing applications on a first-come, first-served basis, assigning plot numbers, initially tilling the land, and providing rain barrels at the site.
3. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and taking care of their own plots. Gardeners who fail to adequately clean out their plots will not be re-assigned to them the following year.
4. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are to clear their plot of all debris before the **November 1st closing date.** This will allow for an easy fall tilling.
5. Gardeners are also responsible for cultivating a friendly garden atmosphere and are encouraged to personalize their gardens. Keep in mind there is no security and permanent structures are prohibited.
6. The use of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, etc.) is **NOT** allowed. Information about organic insecticides will be available on our website www.saginawtownship.org and with your initial registration packet.
7. Here is the common sense list of "No's" for the garden:
 - No pets allowed
 - No motorized vehicles or equipment except for small rototillers.
 - No littering – take your trash with you when you go. No smoking
 - No disrespectful behavior such as consumption of alcohol or loud music.
 - Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List are not allowed. Check Michigan's Dept. of Agriculture website at www.michigan.gov.
8. Kids are strongly encouraged to respectfully participate in all the joys of gardening. Please give them friendly reminders to avoid trampling on other gardeners' plots; new shoots are very fragile.
9. This is a shared community space. Please be respectful of your fellow community members.
10. If you see suspicious or illegal activity, please call 911.
11. Common Ground Garden closes at dark.
12. Any violations of these rules will result in one written warning. Two violations will result in dismissal from the program.
13. These guidelines are subject to change. Please visit our website for announcements and additional information at www.saginawtownship.org.

