



Amberley Green Community Gardens—Overview

Our community garden thrives with care and respect. A few guidelines help us all to garden together. If you do not agree with these principles, please garden elsewhere.

- This is an organic garden. Build the soil with compost rather than chemical fertilizers.
- Do not apply herbicides (weed killers) within the fenced area.
- Smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
- Do not plant invasive plants such as mint or horseradish.
- Leave pets outside of the garden fence.
- Keep music volume low.
- Be responsible for keeping your plot and the paths around it clean and clear of noxious weeds.
- Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season (see calendar). Attendance is MANDATORY for the opening and closing meetings. Plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and help with garden upkeep and special projects.

When designing and working your garden plot, follow these rules:

- Plant tall plants and vines in the center of your plot, places where they will not interfere with your neighbors' plots.
- If your planting has not begun by June 1st your plot may go to someone on the waiting list.
- Put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided, not in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and sealed and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
- Do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock the shed.
- Discourage animal visitors by closing the gate securely, even while gardening.
- Rototillers or other power equipment will be operated in the garden only by individuals over age 16, at their own risk.
- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised while in the garden.
- Report any theft or vandalism to the garden co-leaders.
- At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. Decorative items can be stored on site in shed.
- Violation of Garden rules or guidelines: you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have 2 weeks to address the violation. After 2 weeks, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.



2015 Application – Amberley Green Community Garden

Adapted from the Community Action Coalition of South Central Wisconsin Community Garden Organizer's Handbook at cacsco.org/gardens/handbook/index.htm.

1. Gardener: _____
2. Gardening partner: _____
3. Gardener address: _____
4. Gardener phone: _____ Partner phone: _____
5. Gardener e-mail: _____ Partner e-mail: _____
6. **Fee:** \$50 yearly rental for a 9 x 15 foot plot. Make checks payable to **Amberley Village** and reference Garden. **Send payment to:** Amberley Green Garden, c/o AV, 7149 Ridge Road, Amberley Village, OH 45237
7. Sign up for at least one of the garden crews listed below.
 - ☐ **Grounds & Tools Crew-** Prepares the garden paths before the annual growing season by mulching paths and ensuring that the garden plots are clearly defined. Once, the growing season begins, all maintenance of the paths are the responsibility of the individual gardeners. Individual gardeners are responsible for clearing for all of the paths around their plot during the growing season. The Grounds & Tools crew will also ensure that the hoses are set up at the start of the growing season and that the hoses are maintained during the growing season. This crew is also responsible for the fence and gates. The other responsibility will be the maintenance of the tool shed and the community tools.
 - ☐ **Composting crew:** Maintains and oversees the composting and compost bins. Provides gardeners with clear composting instructions via signs, verbal communication, workshops, e-mails or memos.
 - ☐ **Events crew:** Coordinates special garden events including work parties, potlucks and educational workshops.
 - ☐ **Wonderful Wednesdays in the Garden crew-** Adds spice to weekly garden gatherings with art, music, prize vegetables, beautiful plot recognition, garden crafts, and more.
8. Phone and e-mail: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and e-mail address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and e-mail list is shared with all gardeners. Please check here ☐ if you do not give your permission to share your phone number and e-mail with all gardeners.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guidelines and plan to abide by all of the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature

Date

AG Garden Calendar – 2015 Draft

Throughout the year, the garden hosts a number of meetings and events. Important dates, meetings and events already scheduled are listed below. Direct questions concerning events to the events crew or garden co-leaders.

| Event | Date/Time | Location | Purpose |
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| Plot Registration | Renewals by 2/1/15 Start wait list. Assign new plots by end of Feb. | AmberleyGarden@gmail.com for application | Welcome Packet Complete application Confirm plot assignment Sign up for a job/crew |
| Annual Meeting | 3/18/15 7 PM | Community Room MANDATORY | Plan for upcoming gardening season Update and revise Gardener Guidelines Meet gardeners and crew leaders Committees & responsibilities |
| Garden Orientation | March/April TBA | Amberley Green Garden | Tour Garden, shed Meet gardeners and crew leaders See Annual Meeting above |
| Garden Work Parties | "Wonderful Wednesdays" | AG Garden | Clean the garden, educational programs, guests, or help with various projects Hold potluck picnic(s) |
| Closing Meeting | 10/21/15 | AV Community Room MANDATORY | Review season Review final Gardener responsibilities |
| Closing Day | TBA, or 11/1/15 | | Put your garden plot to bed <u>All plots should be cleaned by this date to guarantee your space for next year</u> Water turned -off Confirm plot assignment for next year |
| Workshops | TBA | | |
| | TBA | | |
| Social Events | Mid-Summer Party? | AG Garden | |
| | Fall Festival? | AG Garden | |