

The Petoskey Community Victory Garden (PCVG) Summer 2010

Plot registration for the Petoskey Community Victory Garden (PCVG) begins March 1, 2010. There are a limited number of plots available. Please read the PCVG Participation Policy, complete the Application Form and submit. Applications may be submitted via e mail torilfarming@gmail.com (please put PCVG Reservation Request in the subject line) or U.S. mail to: PCVG Application Request, 5881 S. Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. We anticipate a large response so don't delay! Plot registration will end on April 1, 2010. You will be contacted by a community garden member regarding your application request by April 22.

Plots are available May - October, 2010 in the following sizes and fees:

1. Small plots (\$20) are approximately 10 ft. x 3 ft.
2. Medium plots (\$25) are approximately 10 ft. x 12 ft.
3. Large plots (\$30) are approximately 10 ft. x 20 ft.

A \$15 non-resident fee will be charged for participants who are not City of Petoskey, Bear Creek Township or Resort Township residents.

Please DO NOT send payment for fees with your application. Fee(s) may be waived based upon financial need.

Once applications have been received, a community garden member may contact you regarding an interview. Interviews may be done in person, at the garden, weather permitting.

All applicants will be provided with notification as to their status. If you are confirmed with a plot, you will be provided with the garden schedule and activities. A review of the General Rules will be made at this time. These rules are critical to helping our garden experience be enjoyable for everyone. If you are not confirmed with a plot, you will receive notification by May 1.

Payment (cash or check) of the garden fee is necessary before you begin gardening. Please send a check to: The Petoskey Community Victory Garden (PCVG), 5581 S. Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Arrangements for cash payment may be made in person at the garden site. Fees are \$20 for a small plot; \$25 for a medium plot; \$30 for a large plot, plus a non-resident fee, if applicable. Fees entitle gardeners the use of a plot from approximately May - October, 2010.

The PCVG will supply the following resources:

Irrigation system

Pre-tilled topsoil plots

Lots of sunshine and love

Basic gardening tools
Portable on site toilet

Gardening knowledge
Seeds/seedlings

Garden designs & advice
Compost and mulch

We will do our best to provide seedlings. If you choose to bring your own seeds or seedlings to plant, it is mandatory that they are NON-GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms). To be on the safe side, we recommend purchasing organic seeds.

Please read all rules regarding what types of seeds/seedlings that will be permitted. This is important as some plants have spreading and shading habits that may inhibit growth of other plants.

Some gardening tools will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own.

We will be holding a community gardening meeting on Saturday, May 8, at the garden from 1-3 PM. One member of your group is required to attend this meeting. This meeting will include information on garden design and crop information. It is at this meeting where we will also establish a time and date for two other meetings (mid-season and harvest season).

Families/groups will be assigned their plots at this time. You are welcome to begin planting this day as seedlings/seeds will be provided, or you may bring your own.

The Petoskey Community Victory Garden Participation Policy Summer 2010

General Rules

Garden plots are intended for organic gardening purposes only.

The garden area will be open from 8 AM - 8 PM, seven days-a-week.

There will be a portable toilet located on site.

Plots will be clearly marked with stakes. Please do not remove these stakes during the season. Metal stakes throughout the garden site are permanent boundary markers and should not be moved.

Gardeners are required to periodically volunteer their time for general maintenance to keep the garden site looking good.

Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.

Keep rocks out of pathways and borders. Put them in the designated area.

Please park only in designated areas. Do not drive vehicles over the lawn or in garden areas. Dogs/pets are not allowed. If you require the use of a service dog, as outlined in the American Disabilities Act, please indicate this on your Application.

Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots.

A bulletin board will be built for communication purposes. The bulletin board is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden related purposes.

Any rule to be added to these general rules must be approved by a majority of the participating gardeners.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact one of the community garden members.

Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling or tall crops that might interfere with others. Please refer to recommended crop listing. Don't let your plants or weeds creep into the aisles or into your neighbor's plot.

Harvest only from your assigned plot. No stealing of anything is permitted. Should it become known that you have taken anything (e.g., vegetables, tools, hose, plants or anything else) you will lose the use of your plot immediately and will not be compensated for your plot fee.

Individual fencing of plots is allowed. Please keep fences under four feet tall and neat. They should be removed before fall plowing.

You are encouraged to have a decorative (have fun with this) sign that declares your name or that of your organization staked and displayed in your plot area.

Drip irrigation will be provided for the entire garden. If your plot appears dry you may supplement by hand watering, utilizing the on site water source.

Notify a community garden member if you are no longer able to tend your plot; will be absent for a long period of time; or have asked a friend to tend your garden.

Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the tool shed when done. Tools are not to be taken home overnight.

Each gardener must clear his/her plot of corner stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before fall plowing dates.

All plots will be inspected three times. Gardeners with plots that have not been planted by June 1, 2010 will be notified.

Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel you can use all of them, there are many food banks. We encourage donations to the Manna Food Project. Please coordinate this donation by contacting www.mannafoodproject.org or at 8791 McBride Park Drive, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740, telephone (231) 347-8852.

After the last frost all dead plants, weeds and stakes must be removed from the plot.

Organic Practices - Recommended Crops for Plot Sizes

The PCVG is proud to be practicing organic farming techniques. Any pest control and/or fertilizers input must be organically certified ONLY!

Using herbicides and black plastic mulches is prohibited.

Mulching, composting and topsoil materials will be provided.

No fruit trees.

Recommended crops:

Lettuces/Greens

Herbs

Tomatoes

Peppers

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Root Vegetables (carrots, beets, radishes, etc.)

Squash (recommended for medium and large plots)

Cucumbers (recommended for medium and large plots)

Melons (recommended for medium and large plots)

Flowers (species in which growing heights are under 24" tall)

Note: Crops that tend to spread or vine will require tending by the gardener to insure that it does not invade neighbor's plots.

Petoskey Community Victory Garden Application Form



Please complete this page and submit as indicated above.

Your compliance with the above general rules will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with these policies during the season may result in a loss of gardening privileges and forfeiture of plot fees.

Any conflicts among gardeners will be referred to the community garden committee for mediation.

I have read and understand all the general rules and promise to follow them.

Print Name of Gardener/Family/Group _____

Name of Contact for Family/Group _____

Email Address _____

Home Address (address, city and zip code) _____

Phone Number _____ Best time to contact you _____

Plot Size Small (\$20) Medium (\$25) Large (\$30)

Financial aid is requested Yes No

Will you be walking/biking to the garden plot? Yes No

Signature of Applicant/Gardener _____ Date _____

To Be Completed By PCVG Co-Manager

Date Request Received _____ Date Applicant Notified _____

Notes:

Signature of the Garden Coordinator _____

