



## ***Wilmette Park District***

### ***Community Gardens Rules – 2017***

- 1. Gardeners must comply with all rules, regulations and ordinances for use of Wilmette Parks.**
- 2. Gardeners must comply with the Village of Wilmette summer watering restrictions. Lawn sprinkling is not permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during the period of May 15 to September 15. Hand watering of gardens, trees, shrubs, and flowers is permitted only with buckets/sprinkling cans. Make sure the hose bibs are turned off completely before you leave.**
- 3. Gardeners must comply with all Village of Wilmette regulations related to working hours when using power equipment.**
  - Work may not begin before 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and before 7 a.m. on Saturday.**
  - Power leaf blowers may not be used between May 15 and September 30, the Village of Wilmette prohibits the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers. Between October 1 and May 14, the Village of Wilmette permits the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers; however use of a gasoline-powered leaf blower during that time of year is limited to no more than 30 minutes in any three hour period.**
- 4. Gardeners may not construct or build anything on their plots without prior written permission of the Superintendent of Parks and Planning.**
- 5. Gardeners are entirely responsible for the maintenance of their assigned plot. Keep in mind the space allocated must always be actively maintained.**
- 6. Through the Park District's independent observation, if the assigned plot is deemed unsightly, weedy or unkempt, the gardener will be given two separate warning notices both via two different means (phone call and letter through the mail) each time. If the problem continues thereafter, the contract will be revoked.**
- 7. Gardeners must not use pesticides without posting their plot as such. No soil sterilants or "total kill" products will be used. There is risk of leaching or drifting onto surrounding plots. If any fertilizers or other products are used, the gardener must post a notice on their plot for a minimum of forty-eight hours.**
- 8. Organic wastes must be placed in the designated area. No materials may be placed in plastic bags. Do not bring waste from home these areas are for waste produced in the gardens only.**
- 9. Do not place any organic waste in the trash containers at both locations.**
- 10. Park in designated parking places only. No driving off paved surfaces.**
- 11. Do not pick or remove any produce from any plot other than your own. Your fellow gardeners work hard to grow materials for their own use or to donate, please do not deprive them of that enjoyment. You would not want someone removing your fruit, flowers or vegetables.**
- 12. No illegal crops or invasive species will be planted in the gardens.**