

LOWER NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
2026 COMMUNITY GARDEN FEES, RULES, EXPECTATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Fees, Applications, and Plots:

- The total fee for a 4' x 16' garden plot, due at the time of application, is a \$50 non-refundable plot fee.
- LNENA will begin accepting applications on April 1st at 10AM. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30th. Announcements will be made on the website, on social media, and in the newsletter when all plots are full.
- Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Beltrami and Northeast Park residents for the first month of the application period. However, all applications should be submitted as soon as possible.
- The best method for turning in applications is via the online form.
- If the number of interested gardeners exceeds the number of plots, the overflow will be added to a waiting list in the order the applications were received.
- Households, partners, and friends are encouraged to share a plot. This opens up space for more people to access garden space. The second gardener line above may be used for this purpose.
- You may rent more than one plot if not all plots have been assigned. Additional plots will be assigned beginning April 30th. After that announcement, please complete a separate application form and fees for each additional plot.
- The person(s) signing the application is/are responsible for tending the plot. Others may garden with you at your plot, but with your signature on this application, you voluntarily assume responsibility for all cleanup, duties, and conduct of guests.
- More than one person may share a plot. Space for a second gardener's information is included at the top of this sheet. Both gardeners must sign the application. Please submit only one payment with the application and negotiate financial agreements between the gardeners sharing the plot. Plots are \$50 regardless of whether one or two people rent the space.

B. Community and Plot Maintenance Expectations:

- Gardeners are required to attend the opening day garden meeting, which will be on April 18th from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. If unavailable to attend, it is the responsibility of the gardener to reach out to outreach@lnena.org by the morning of April 18th. Failure to do so may result in your plot being released to the next person on the waitlist.

- All garden communications will take place via email. Gardeners are expected to check their email regularly to see what garden communications have been sent out. If you do not have email, please let LNENA Staff know so other methods of communication can be arranged.
- Gardeners are required to tidy and ready their plot for the season by May 20th and have started planting by June 1st (weather permitting). If the plot is weedy and not planted by June 10th, the plot will be reassigned to the first person on the waiting list, and the plot fee will not be refunded.
- The end-of-season cleanup must be completed no later than November 7th. All plants should be removed, and the area around the plot should be tidied. Gardeners with unclean plots after the November 14th Garden Clean-Up Event MAY NOT BE ALLOWED to reserve a plot for the following year.
- Maintain your plot(s) with regular weeding, watering, harvesting, and tidying. The areas immediately surrounding your plot(s) also need to be maintained. If your plot and surrounding area are not maintained, you will be issued a warning via phone or email. If the conditions do not improve, you will lose your plot for the year. Minneapolis City Ordinance requires that no weeds may be over 8 inches tall.
- No plants may creep out of the beds and obstruct pathways. Overhanging vines make mowing and general use of the garden difficult for others. Keep all growing plants within the garden beds.
- If gardeners put garden waste in the compost bins, you will be expected to turn over the compost bins frequently and often. The Garden Coordinator will contact the gardeners about other needs throughout the season.

C. Watering, Tools, and Storage:

- Water is available from the hydrant on the corner of Spring and Pierce streets. A lock secures the tap and MUST be replaced after each use. Please report any problems with the hydrant or lock to the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association immediately.
- A storage shed is located within the garden. The tools and hoses kept inside are for use by all community gardeners and must be returned promptly after use. You may not use the storage shed for personal storage. **Please coil hoses neatly and return them to the shed.**
- If any tools are broken, not working, or missing, please contact the LNENA Staff.

D. Organic Standards:

- It is the preference of the Beltrami Community Garden that the garden be tended organically. Please refrain from using chemical fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, or any pesticides.

E. General Information:

- Please refrain from entering another gardener's plot unless you are specifically invited. Do not plant, weed, water, or harvest from any plot not assigned to you without expressed consent. Gardeners are encouraged to share and collaborate to accomplish work and to distribute produce voluntarily.
- If you are unable to harvest your plot for any reason, please contact the LNENA Staff or a fellow gardener. We can arrange to have the fruit/vegetables harvested and donated to a good cause.
- There will also be a way for food to be marked for donation
- Plots may be used for growing food, annual flowers, and legal plants. DO NOT plant trees, shrubs, woody plants or perennials.
- Be respectful of others – tall plants should not shade other gardener's plots.
- All children visiting the garden must be supervised. Pets are welcome if they are leashed and controlled at all times.
- All gardeners will treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors, and people visiting the garden with respect. Verbal or physical harassment will not be tolerated.
- There are three compost bins in the garden. Please do not put diseased or insect-infested plants in the compost. If the compost bin is full, you must take your compost materials home with you. Please notify the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association if the bin is full.
- There is no trash pick-up at the Community Garden; please do not leave your trash there.
- All garden activity must take place in the garden. Do not loiter in or around the garden, neighbors' yards or porches. Do not ask them to use their restrooms, telephones, etc.