

Escanaba Community Garden Plot Rules Agreement 2025

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ Email _____

In the Escanaba Community Gardens for the 2025 growing season (May 10 – October 11). Each plot is 30'x30' and is to be used for growing annual vegetables and/or flowers ONLY.

Escanaba Community Garden Rules:

1. MSU Extension Garden Committee will prepare the area for planting (plow and disk by horse teams). This is usually scheduled for the last Saturday in April. This year will be Sat., May 3. Opening day of the garden will be later if weather has not allowed for soil preparation.
2. Garden members who can volunteer will identify and stake out all plot corners. (Stakes are the property of MSU Extension; DO NOT REMOVE.)
3. MSU Extension Garden Committee will provide a source of water for gardeners during the growing season.
4. Garden membership fees will be applied to water bills and maintenance, e.g., any leaking pipes.
5. Any garden member(s) who is/are interested/available to mow the grass, please let Rebecca know.
6. Gardeners will maintain their plot(s) in a clean, neat manner, removing all debris and weeds and placing them in the designated areas. Gardens MUST BE KEPT CLEAN. There are two compost piles on the property for ORGANIC garden debris. Please locate and use them. No trash disposal is permitted on site. Remove plastics, paper, rocks, stakes, and debris and dispose of these at home.
7. **NO PESTICIDES ARE PERMITTED UNLESS APPROVED BY MSU EXTENSION;** CONTACT kransr@msu.edu or call 906-282-5065 BEFORE applying any.
8. Gardeners will limit activities and that of family and guests to your rented plot(s) only. This includes children. Use the established walkways to reach your plot.
9. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN OR AROUND THE GARDEN AREA.** A pet's waste is a food safety concern especially in and around where produce is being grown.
10. Gardeners will supply their own seeds, plants, fertilizer, and tools needed for growing and caring for crops. NO PHOSPHORUS IS ALLOWED IN ANY FERTILIZER (this is the second number; 10-0-5)
11. Gardeners will keep walkways bordering their plot(s) free of weeds and litter.
12. Watering Guidelines: **DO NOT** leave any watering devices (soaker hoses, sprinklers) attached to the faucet or on overnight. **Gardeners must remain on the premises while watering and cannot leave the hose unattended. If you fail to turn off water, an additional fee will be assessed.**
13. At the end of the garden season, REMOVE any personal gardening equipment, row stakes, rocks, corn stalks, string, mulch and plants. Corn stalks are to be brought to the Delta County Landfill Compost site. Fill in large holes left by posts. If fall clean-up is not completed, gardener will forfeit plot(s) for the next year.
14. Everything must be out of the garden by October 11 – NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. IF YOU NEED TO ABANDON YOUR GARDEN PLOT DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE NOTIFY REBECCA KRANS (906) 282-5065 IMMEDIATELY.
16. MSU Extension reserves the right to be the final judge in settling any dispute concerning the garden plots.
17. Failure to plant by June 15th will result in loss of ownership and plot will be seeded to a pollinator cover crop.
18. In the event of obvious neglect of the garden plot(s), or failure to abide by the rules, MSU Extension can repossess the plot(s). The gardener will be allowed 7 days after notification of repossession notice to enter and remove any plants or produce remaining.
19. In the event a beehive is located at the garden area, MSU Extension does not retain any liability. No entry is permitted into the beehive area. Beehives are being supplied/managed by the Superior Beekeeping Club.
20. MSU Extension is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged plants or gardening materials. Lost, stolen, or damaged gardening materials should be reported to Public Safety.
21. I have read and agree to the above terms

Gardener(s) signature(s)

Date

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