



# The Goodwill Garden

*"Growing our community, one garden at a time"*

## Community Garden Application

**Yes!** I'm interested in participating the Goodwill Garden program.  
*Just fill out the information, and mail to the address listed below.*

Your Name	Full Address (please include e-mail address, if you have one)	Day & Evening Phone

Other gardener's names	Addresses of other gardeners for your plot/s	Day & Evening Phone

<b>Ground Plot Size</b>	<b>20 x 17</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Raised Beds</b>	<b>4 x 16</b>	<b>\$20</b>

**RETURNING GARDENERS:** Want the same plot as last year? Please check here and return by **April 1.**

**REFUNDS:** Gardening Agreement deposits will be refunded only upon written request, prior to May 15, less \$5 processing fee.

Payment:	Fees	
Note: Plots cannot be assigned until payment is received.	Ground Plot Fee: \$25	\$
	Raised Bed Fee: \$20	\$
	Would you like to order <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or <input type="checkbox"/> 2 straw bales for your garden? \$6 per bale, max. order 2 bales per garden. Delivery early May.	\$
	Donation (used for supplies, seeds, tools, etc.):	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>

*Please sign the Gardening Agreement on the back, make a copy for yourself and mail this form with a check payable to Goodwill Garden to:*

**Goodwill Garden, 10027 Fairview, Taylor, MI 48180**

For office use only:
Date: _____ Ck#: _____ Amt: _____ Plot#: _____

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# Gardening Agreement

(Please read, sign and return with payment. Thank you!)

As a Goodwill Gardener, I agree to:

1. Abide by the *Goodwill Garden Agreement* and *Land Use Policies*.
2. Take steps to maintain and improve the soil in my plot.
3. Keep my plot, and the pathways adjacent to it, well maintained and free of weeds.
4. Notify the Goodwill Garden office immediately if I cannot maintain my plot for any reason.
5. Begin gardening only after the Goodwill Garden staff has staked out plots in the spring.
6. Clear my plot of all non-organic materials (fencing, rocks, string, wire, stakes, etc.) and shred or remove all large or wood plant debris, no later than the first Saturday in November. I understand that if my plot is left in a condition unsuitable for plowing, I may be ineligible for further plantings.
7. Observe the specific guidelines for my garden site (received with the plot rental confirmation).
8. Accept that the Goodwill Garden assumes no liability for person or property in the gardens.

Failure to follow the Agreement may result in forfeiture of deposit, expulsion from the garden and/or forfeiture of the right to garden with the Goodwill Garden in the future.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Check any boxes that may interest you and we will be happy to discuss with you. **We need your help!**

- Foodbank Coordination: Help deliver produce to local food banks.
- Composting: Help maintain our composting bin sites.
- Entrance Gardens: Help maintain the flower gardens at the entrance.
- Garden Structures: I can help build fences, gates, picnic tables, chairs, etc.
- Newsletter: I can assist with submitting articles for our newsletter.
- I have these special skills that might help the Goodwill Garden:

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Goodwill Garden Land Use Policies

(Keep this for your reference)

### GARDENERS AT THE GOODWILL GARDEN MUST EMPLOY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES.

**Plot Rental:** The Goodwill Garden leases gardening plots and raised beds for \$25 and \$20 respectively, from May to October. Goodwill Garden cannot guarantee plot availability for every applicant.

**Structures:** Trellises and stakes are permitted, up to a maximum of 6 feet in height. These must be removed by the first Saturday in November each year. Permanent fencing is not allowed. Chicken wire is permitted, up to a maximum of 3'. Fencing with plastic sheeting is not permitted, however you may use plastic sheeting as mulch, as long it's removed each fall.

**Planting Schedule:** Planting can begin once the garden has been rototilled in early May or when weather permits. *All plant material and support structures must be removed by the first Saturday of November each year.*

**Mulch:** Dried grass clippings, leaves, straw, and newspapers (no glossy inserts) are preferred. Plastic can be used, but must be removed in the fall. Free compost and woodchips will be available in the spring and fall to put on your garden plot. *We place an order for straw to use as mulch in early May. If you would to be included (2 bales per customer), please note on your application form.*

**Fertilizers: Use only organic fertilizers.** Commercial inorganic fertilizers (i.e. 5-10-5, MiracleGro, etc.) are **not permitted**. Products composed of plant or animal origin are acceptable. Compost, leaf mold, manure, blood and bone meal, fish emulsion, kelp meal, liquid seaweed, and commercial organic fertilizers are acceptable. Natural mineral fertilizers, i.e. greensand, granite dust, and ground limestone are also acceptable. Organic gardening focuses on building the soil, and gardeners are encouraged to add as much organic material as possible to maintain soil fertility.

**Insect, Weed and Disease control:** Many problems can be managed or avoided through research, a watchful eye and good garden practices. Focus on building good, healthy soil through the use of compost, cover crops, mulching, and soil amendments. Mulch around your plants, leaving room around the stems for good air circulation, water plants near the roots if possible, avoiding overhead watering. Choose disease resistant varieties. Remove diseased plants from the garden immediately and throw in the trash, not the compost pile. More information can be found at the following sites:

- Organic Gardening <http://www.organicgardening.com/feature/0.7518.s1-2-11-200.00.html>
- Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org)

**Only organic controls can be used**, such as hot pepper spray, garlic spray, soap and water spray, floating row covers, animal urine scents, natural predators (such as lady bugs, mantis, and lacewings), diatomaceous earth, and BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*).

**Prohibited Plants:** Invasive species, such as mint, pampas grass, purple loosestrife, etc. No trees, shrubs, illegal or dangerous plants. You may plant non-invasive perennials, but any left at the end of the season may be plowed under, so be advised.

**Tools:** Please bring your own tools to the garden site, as there are very limited tools available. You may want to put your name and a contact number on them, in case you leave them accidentally.

**Water:** We are fortunate to have water available on site for garden plots. The busiest times in use are 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. on the weekdays. For your convenience, try to schedule your watering for other than these times for best water pressure. Please recoil the hose for the next gardener.

**Weed control:** Keep your plot weed free. Place all weeds, plant material, and trash in the appropriate containers. Each compost station lists materials that are acceptable for composting.

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## Goodwill Garden Organic Garden Resources and Local Events

- Mother Earth News [www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/garden-planning/](http://www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/garden-planning/)
- Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org)
- Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County [www.mgwwc.org](http://www.mgwwc.org)

**As a Goodwill Gardener, you are a part of our family.** We hope you take advantage of the events below to get to know your neighbors and to help us keep our plots looking great.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April, Clean Up Day. 9-12 p.m.** Many volunteer groups will be cleaning up Heritage Park. For those of you keeping your existing plot, it's a good time to remove any debris, stakes, fencing, etc. from plot.
- **Tuesdays and Fridays, 8-4 p.m. May 1 through Oct 30.** Community Service Days.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August, Goodwill Garden Harvest Party Potluck, 6-8 p.m.** Bring a dish to pass and we'll provide the barbeque menu.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November, Goodwill Garden Closing Day.** 10-12 p.m. Time to put the gardens to bed. All beds must be cleaned by this date or you may not be asked to return the next year. Compost will be available to cover your plot. Wood chips will be available to replenish pathways.

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