

Gustavus Community Gardens

Rules and Policies

Plot fees: Plot fees include one 10' by 20' plot, and an optional potato row and alternate year potato row. Fee: \$25 per plot plus \$10 per adult using the plot (minimum fee \$35.00). Each garden member must sign the Garden Rules and Policies agreement prior to working your plot. If no payment is made by June 1 your plot may be reassigned. Notify the Coordinator by March 1 to retain your plot.

Community Garden Labor: Gardeners must volunteer 10 hours labor per season to maintain or improve the Community Gardens. A volunteer signup calendar is posted on the Gustavus Community Garden site (<https://groups.io/g/GustavusCommunityGarden>). A list of needed tasks will be posted in the shed or sent via email. You are welcome to suggest other garden tasks and/or donate more time.

Plot selection process: Returning gardeners will have the option of using the same plot they had the prior year. If they wish to change plots they need to notify the coordinator by March 1 to have priority over new gardeners when plots become available. Plots are available to gardeners upon receipt of membership fee and a signature indicating they have read and agree to the "Rules and Policies".

Plot maintenance: Gardeners must maintain their plots in a neat and clean manner. Weeds must be pulled.

Gardeners must weed the paths around their plots.

Gardeners are responsible to keep alternate-year potato row weed free.

Gardeners will strive to have an esthetically pleasing garden plot.

Use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers: Only natural pesticides may be used (ex. slug control methods). No herbicides of any kind. Minimal use of chemical fertilizers will be allowed.

Compost bins: Gardeners will help maintain compost bins for seaweed and organic wastes from the Community Garden. No kitchen scraps from home may be put into the bins. Members may bring their own compost and soil amendments.

Tools: Some tools are provided. Store tools in the shed.

Trash: pack out your own. No trash bins will be provided.

Bathroom facilities: There are no bathroom facilities available on-site.

Water: Well water is available and garden hoses are provided. There is no drinking water onsite.

Electricity: There is electricity to the site.

Pets: Pets must be leashed and are not allowed within 10 feet of the tilled garden area. Pet owners are responsible for preventing their pets from entering the garden.

Children: Members' children are welcome. A sandbox has already been built and other suggestions are welcome for ways to make the Community Garden a good place for children.

Invasive Species: NO INVASIVE SPECIES MAY BE INTENTIONALLY PLANTED.

Access to the Garden: Garden Access is via "Bill's Drive". Please drive slowly (less than 15mph) for the entire length of the road.

Communication: A meeting will be held in the spring and fall (and other times as needed). The primary mode of communication is via an email group. Members need to reply to an email invitation to join: <https://groups.io/g/GustavusCommunityGarden>. Additional information will be posted on an information board and notebook in the shed.

The Gustavus Community Gardens operates under a City of Gustavus Special Land Use Permit. It is issued with the understanding the recipient will hold the City of Gustavus harmless from any and all liability resulting from use of the land, and in any and all disputes or misunderstanding arising from operations conducted upon the permitted land by the user.

I have read and agree with the above rules and conditions.

Name: _____ **Plot #** _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Please return the signature portion of this agreement and your payment (make checks to Wendy Bredow) to: Wendy Bredow PO Box 260; Gustavus AK 99826