



Victory Garden Guidelines for the Village of Island Lake, IL

Guidelines are provided for safe and courteous use of the garden plots. Those who fail to adhere to guidelines will not be allowed to reserve a garden plot in the future.

1. **Fees:** \$30 per plot, due within 30 days of Opening Day.
2. **Opening and Closing:** The garden plots will open the Saturday of the annual Arbor Day Celebration and will close the Saturday before Halloween. Plots may be kept planted until fall closing.
3. **Plot Boundaries:** Keep plants within the borders of the plot and keep paths clear. Plants with vines are not to extend beyond 18 inches onto a pathway and are to be trimmed accordingly or wound around the plot.
4. **Weed Removal:** Remove weeds from individual plots and in the immediate surrounding area the plot. A plot may be forfeited if it and surrounding area are not well maintained.
5. **Fertilizer, Insecticides and Weed Repellants:** Fertilizer, insecticides and weed repellants should be used in a way that will not affect other plots or ground water.
6. **Debris Free Zone:** The garden plot and surrounding area will be kept clean of trash and litter.
7. **No pets** are allowed in the garden.
8. **Discontinuation or Help:** To discontinue Victory Garden participation or obtain help to continue, please notify the Village through the website (<http://villageofislandlake.com/contact-us/>) or call Connie Mascillino at 847-526-8764, Ext 7857, so that we can arrange help or reassign the plot.
9. **Watering Plots:** Gardeners may use water from the large drum located next to the garden. *Please do not over water or leave the spigot running.*
10. **Harvesting:** Gardeners should pick only their own crops unless given permission by another gardener. The local Food Pantry at 505 W. Bonner Rd. will accept donations of your excess produce.
11. **Children must be Supervised:** Minor children must be supervised in the garden.
12. **Alcohol and Tobacco Prohibited:** No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the garden.
13. **Dead or Diseased Plant Material:** Dead or diseased plants, weeds, and other plant material should be removed from the garden site. During harvest season, bulk waste is to be put in yard waste bags, properly closed, and placed by the water tank for Public Works removal.
14. **Loss or Damage:** The garden plots are located within a public park. Participants plant and maintain plots at their own risk. The Village is not responsible for theft, plant damage/ loss, or vandalism. Gardeners are encouraged to report incidents to the Police Dept. (847-526-2100).

If you have other concerns or problems, please contact the Village through the website here:
<http://villageofislandlake.com/contact-us/> or call Connie Mascillino at 847-526-8764, Ext 7857.

Name _____ Phone/Cell _____

Address _____ / Apt _____ City _____

Email address _____

I have read the guidelines and will abide by them. Make checks to: Village of Island Lake. (Keep your receipt)

Signature _____ Date _____