



2020 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 by Opening Day. Make checks to: Village of Island Lake.
2. **Opening and Closing:** The garden plots will open the Saturday of the annual Arbor Day—April 25, 2020, weather permitting. 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, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibited:** No alcohol, tobacco or cannabis 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 _____

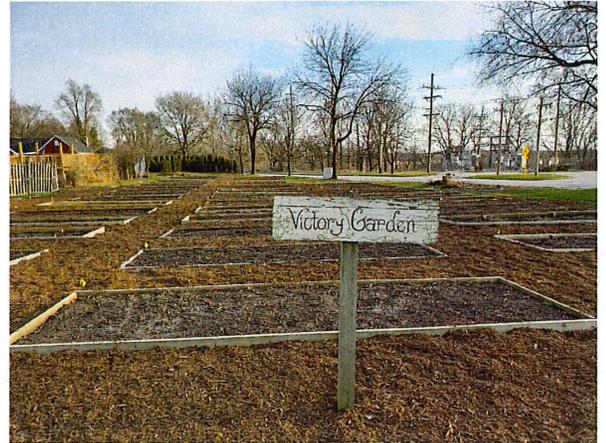
I have read the guidelines and will abide by them. Make checks to: Village of Island Lake. (Keep your receipt)

Signature _____ Date _____

A Note from Mayor Amrich

Gardening season is here. Thank you to our Public Works Department crew who cleaned up the walkways and put down fresh mulch.

The annual opening day work day scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020 is cancelled, due to social distancing guidelines. Gardeners will still be able to plant and tend their plots.



You can reserve a plot by calling the Connie Mascillino at the Village Hall, 847-526-8764, ext. 7857. The form is online here: villageofislandlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Victory-Garden-Guidelines-2020.pdf.

Compost, generously donated once again by Midwest Organics, will be available hopefully by May 1. It will be in a pile at the front of the garden. You will have to transport to your plot.

For your safety and the safety of others, please follow the guidelines below.

1. Bring your own watering can. The shared cans will not be available.
2. Wear gloves when you use the spigot on the water tank. Wipe the water tank spigot clean before and after you use it.
3. Bring your own wheelbarrow and take it home to store.
4. Stay at least the recommended 6' away from other gardeners.

A BIG thank you to Mary Schuman who has lovingly and efficiently managed the Victory Garden for so many years as a volunteer. Anyone who has had a garden plot in the past has seen her at all times of the day from early morning to late at night digging, weeding and caring for the garden in so many ways.

Are you interested in volunteering to oversee the garden? Call me at 847-526-8764, ext. 7855.