



2026 Village of Island Lake Victory Garden Guidelines

The Guidelines are for safe and courteous use of the garden plots. Failure to adhere to guidelines will result in forfeiture of the garden plot.

1. **Fees:** \$40 per plot, due at time of reservation. This includes water access at a spigot and organic compost available for opening day. Make checks to: Village of Island Lake.
2. **Plot Reservation**
 - March 16, 2026: Open for Island Lake residents who were 2025 plot holders to reserve 1 or 2 of their plots from the 2025 season.
 - March 23, 2026: Open to all Island Lake residents for 1 or 2 plots.
 - March 30, 2026: Open to non-residents for 1 plot.
3. **Garden Opening and Closing:** The garden plots will open Saturday, April 18, 2026, weather permitting. *Gardeners are required to attend the opening day meeting on April 18 at 9:00am.* The plots will close the Saturday, October 24, 2026. *Plots must be cleaned out on or before closing day.*
4. **Plot Care and Maintenance**
 - a) Keep plants within the borders of the plot.
 - b) Remove weeds and dead or diseased plant material from your plot. **All weeds and dead or diseased plant materials** removed during and at the end of the growing season **must be placed in yard waste bags, closed properly and placed to the right of the garden soil bin for Public Works to pick up.** *Please do not use wheelbarrows for unbagged weeds.*
 - c) Remove weeds from the area surrounding your plot.
5. **Harvesting:** If you have excess produce at harvest time, the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry at 505 W. Bonner Rd., Wauconda, will accept donations. Call 847-526-8684 for their hours.
6. **Fertilizer, Insecticides and Weed Repellants** must be used in such a way that will not affect other plots or ground water.
7. **Watering Plots:** Gardeners will receive a lock code to use water from the spigot. Relock the spigot after watering. If you attach a hose to the spigot, make sure you do not damage other gardeners' plots when you pull it to yours. Watering cans are available for the gardeners' convenience in a deck box near the left side of the garden and must remain at the garden
8. **Minor children must be supervised in the garden.**
9. **Service animals only** are allowed in the Garden—*no pets.*
10. **Alcohol, Tobacco and Cannabis are prohibited** in the Garden.



11. **Loss or Damage:** The Village is not responsible for theft, plant damage/ loss, or vandalism. The garden plots are located within a public park. Participants plant and maintain plots at their own risk. Gardeners are encouraged to report incidents to the Island Lake Police Department at 847-526-2100.

12. **To discontinue garden participation** contact the Village: 847-526-8764.

Victory Garden Registration

Please provide complete information.

Name _____ Phone/Cell _____

Street address _____ / Apt. # _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Email address _____

I have read the guidelines and agree to abide by them or relinquish my plot.

Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use only: Plot assignment _____



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