

SSC Community Garden 2021



Calling all student groups, departments, individuals,
faculty, staff, or administration!

**Are you an expert gardener needing
more room to plant?**






**Or do you have little or no gardening
experience?**

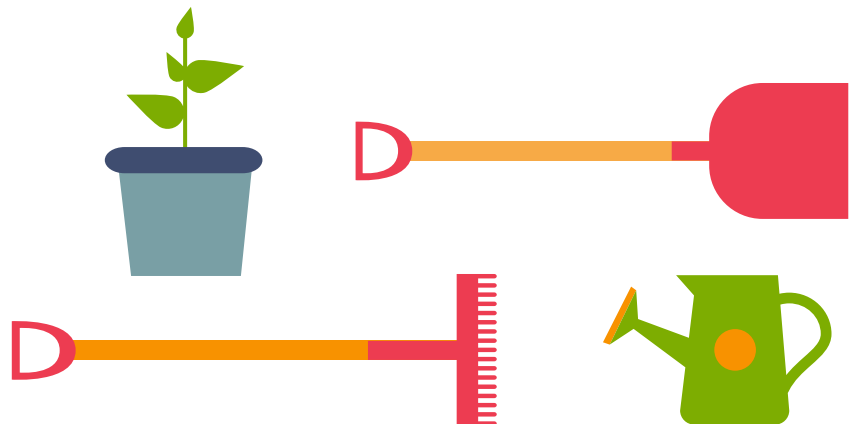
We have the perfect place to expand!

We have a great place to learn!

**The SSC Community Garden will be open
for its 6th season this May!**

You'll have access to:

-  A 4' X 4' plot or 4' X 8' plot
-  Water
-  Small Hand Tools
-  Compost
-  New friends!



*For more information, please contact Alysia Robinette at
Arobinette@ssc.edu or ext. 2228*



SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

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Garden plots are available to lease for the 2021 growing season. There is no fee, just a guarantee of commitment for the entire season. Plots are 4'W X 4'L or 4'W X 8'L.

Please contact Alysia Robinette at Arobinette@ssc.edu or (708) 405-9637 to reserve your plot. Plots will be granted first come, first serve **once completed contract and waiver of liability are returned.**

The South Suburban College Sustainability Committee oversees the community garden in coordination with the garden manager. The garden manager will assign plots, assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, check supplies, and coordinate volunteer days to address communal garden projects.

The garden manager is also responsible for ensuring gardener needs are adequately addressed and plots are maintained to garden standards (i.e. properly weeded, watered, planted and harvested). *Should the garden manager notice a plot not being cared for, the plot owner will be contacted with a respond by date (i.e. tend to your plot by June 3). Should no response be received, the garden manager will tend to plot and donate produce. After two occurrences, the plot will be turned over to South Suburban College and all remaining harvests will be donated to SSC Healthy Corner.*

If you have questions regarding the SSC Community Garden Guidelines listed below, please contact the garden manager at Arobinette@ssc.edu.

Upon receiving the contract & waiver for your 2021 garden plot, South Suburban College will provide access to:

1. A pre-assigned plots(s)
2. Water
3. Small Hand Tools
4. Mulch
5. Gardening information (i.e. fact sheets and guides)

Seeds and plants may be donated to South Suburban College at various points in the season. Should this occur, gardeners will be notified and donations will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

South Suburban College is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of garden plots. You will also be required to sign a waiver of liability prior to planting your garden.

Community Garden Contract

Gardener Responsibilities

Upon leasing a garden plot, you agree to the following term and conditions:

1. Introduce yourself to your neighbors. Remember, it's a community.
2. Plots will be planted with fruits, vegetables, herbs and/or flowering plants.
3. Plots will be tended on a regular basis. This includes watering, weeding and harvesting. *Note: To conserve water, turn off hose when not in use. Do not water during peak daylight hours. Try to water early morning or late afternoon/ early evening.*
4. Plots should be maintained to their boundaries. Please do not expand your plot. Avoid planting vines such as pumpkins, watermelons, and other fruits and vegetables that may be seen as an intrusion of other plots.
5. Maintain a neat garden space. Please pick up and remove litter if/ when you see it. Do not leave tools in the pathways. Please ensure that any structures in your plot are safe and do not shade your neighbor's plots.
6. Tools are available for your use. Tools should be handled with care and returned to the shed after each use. Tools will not be replenished throughout the season and are to be shared among all gardeners. Please be considerate to your neighbors.
7. South Suburban College is a commercial pesticide free garden. Only natural pest deterrents may be used. Please contact the garden manager for more information and alternatives.
8. Gardeners who abandon their plot will be contacted twice. After that, remaining harvests will be donated to SSC Healthy Corner.
9. Plots must be cleared and winterized by October 1, 2021, unless prior permission is granted, or the garden season is otherwise extended.
10. Parking is limited this year due to pandemic restrictions. See your Gardener Packet for details.
11. In keeping with pandemic restrictions, masks will need to be worn on College property when near people who do not reside with you.

Neighborliness

Do not enter or pick vegetables from someone else's garden, even if you think the plot is abandoned or neglected.

Community tools should not be removed from the gardens. Return these items to the shed as soon as you are finished using them. Do not keep community tools in your garden plot.

Tall plantings should not be placed where they will shade neighboring plots.

Weeds

Weeds must be kept under control.

Organic Gardening

All fertilizers used must be made from manure or other plant or animal waste. Any pesticides used must be approved for organic production. If in doubt about any material, e-mail the garden manager.

Prohibited/Strongly discouraged Plants and Other Items

Viney plants are strongly discouraged. Please avoid planting the following: comfrey, annual Artemisia, or mint, trees and perennials.

Hours of Operation and Safety

South Suburban College community garden is open 7 days a week, Sunday-Saturday, from dawn until dusk.

South Suburban College has a full time police and campus safety department and patrols the area for your safety and the safety of our campus. Police and/or campus safety patrol the area 8am to 8pm.

Should you encounter any problems in which you need to get in touch with police or campus safety, you may dial 708-596-2000 Ext.2235 from your cell phone. Should it be a medical and/or immediate emergency, please dial 911.

(over)

1. I understand it is my responsibility to care for and tend to my plot. _____ (initial)
2. I understand if I fail to tend to my plot, it will be turned over to SSC. _____ (initial)
3. I understand SSC is not responsible for theft or vandalism to my plot. _____ (initial)
4. I understand SSC has a full time police and campus safety department and they are here for my safety. I understand I may be asked for identification while tending to my plot and I agree to comply. _____ (initial)

You must agree to all of these statements or you will not be allowed to lease a plot.

I have read and understood all other terms and conditions outlined in this agreement. I understand that organic methods are enforced and I should limit my use of harmful chemicals. I understand if my plot is deemed abandoned, it will be relinquished to South Suburban College with remaining harvests donated to SSC Healthy Corner (or other not-for-profit organization).

Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Information (Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Size Desired:

4' X 8':

4' X 4':

Release of Liability

Read Carefully – This Affects Your Legal Rights

In exchange for participation in the activity of the Community Garden project organized by South Suburban College (SSC), of 15800 S. State Street, IL 60473, and/or use of the property, facilities and services of SSC, I agree for myself (and if applicable) for the members of my family, to the following.

1. I agree to observe and obey all posted rule and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by SSC, or the employees, representatives or agents of SSC.
2. I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) my family members and further release and discharge SSC for injury, loss or damage arising out of my family's use of or presence on the facilities of SSC, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, SSC or other third parties.
3. I agree to indemnify and defend SSC against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of SSC.
4. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities of SSC caused by my or my family's negligence, reckless, or willful actions.
5. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under Illinois law.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

South Suburban College

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____