



Community Garden Rules and Requirements

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Application Process

1. Applications and payment will be accepted beginning now until the end of May.
2. A current application must be on file by June 2 to be considered to receive a plot.
3. Garden plots are given to the first 12 people to apply **and** who pay the \$25 per plot fee*.
*If not awarded a plot - money will be returned to the applicant.
4. Garden plots are only available to residents of Lawton.
5. Returning gardener's may return to the same plot each year after.

General

6. We strongly encourage organic gardening. If you choose to use chemicals, please use only organic chemicals. Organic chemicals must be kept in your plot and spraying must be done on non-windy days to avoid accidentally spraying of other plots.
7. Pets: for everyone's safety, leashed, non-aggressive pets only.
8. **NEW:** The city of Lawton has allowed community garden users to use a city trash bin. If abuse of the trash bin occurs, the trash bin will no longer be available for garden users. Help with placing the trash bin at the curb before Monday and returning it to the garden after trash pick-up is appreciated.
9. Maintenance: All gardeners must share in the maintenance of the garden including weeding, mulching the path, turning water off and putting hoses away, keeping tool shed and tools clean.
10. Tools: All tools must be returned to the toolbox/shed after every use. You cannot keep them or take them off the gardening site.
11. Personal Responsibility: Gardeners are responsible for themselves, children, pets, and any personal items you bring to the garden. PET WASTE MUST BE CLEANED UP BY THE PET OWNER.
12. Hours: The garden is open from dusk until dawn 7 days a week. If you are the last to leave the garden, please make sure the gate is closed, and the water is turned off at each spigot.
13. Harvesting: crops must be harvested once they are mature.
14. Absent from garden: If you no longer wish to have your garden, please contact the FAMILY group and your plot will be re-assigned.
15. Behavior: alcohol, drugs, violence, stealing, or vandalism are not allowed. Participating in any of these activities will result in the loss of the garden plot. This includes taking vegetables or plants from other gardens. If you observe any of these activities notify FAMILY volunteers immediately.

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Garden Plots

16. Restricted plants: overall all plants are accepted in plots except for noxious weeds or invasive plants. These include Jerusalem artichokes and bamboo.
17. June 15th: garden plots must be planted by this date or space will be given to someone else.
18. Cleaned plots: plots must be cleaned by November 1st. This means that all tomato stakes and cages are removed, all dead plants including weeds, removed. Plot must look neat to be considered cleaned-up. It should be mulched, covered in straw, or planted with a cover crop to keep down weeds between growing seasons. Plants still growing and being harvested may remain.
19. Keep plants inside your plot. Plants must be kept out of other gardener's plots or pathways. Any plants growing outside of the plot may be trimmed back without notice.
20. Tilling: gardeners are responsible for tilling their own plot.
21. Tall crops: plant tall crops like corn or sunflowers where they will not shade other plots.
22. Water use: shut water off after every use and keep hoses rolled up.
23. Water problems: please report any problems with water being left on or leaking to the FAMILY group.
24. Unattended watering is not permitted. Water may NEVER be left on after you leave the garden site. Fines or removal from program may result.
25. Conservation: Please conserve water. Mulch garden with leaves, grass clippings or straw to reduce water evaporation. Mulching also reduces weeds.
26. The water at the garden site has been provided free from the City of Lawton. To save water please only water your assigned garden plot. In the past gardeners have helped with watering other garden plots. This has led to over watering. Please only water your plot and only water other garden plots if asked.

Fees and additional information

27. The Lawton Community Garden is organized by a group of volunteers. Your cooperation in the above rules/requirements will help to run the garden smoothly.
28. There will be a \$25 annual fee for each plot that is rented. Fees are subject to change.
29. Fees are in place to help pay for tools and general upkeep not outlined in above rules/ requirements.
30. The Lawton F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group Community Garden cannot be possible without the help of the following organizations:
 - a. City of Lawton, use of land and water
 - b. Farm Credit Services of America
 - c. Gilchrist Foundation
 - d. Harvest Inc
 - e. Security National Bank of Lawton
 - f. Siouxland District Health Department
31. Please contact Alicia Sanders at LBfamilygroup@gmail.com for questions/concerns.

Your compliance with the above rules/requirements will help everyone have a good and productive garden. Failure to comply with the rules/requirements during the season may result in a loss of future garden privileges.

Sincerely,

LB F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group
LBfamilygroup@gmail.com



Application for the LB F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group Community Garden

Fill out and return this form only.

I _____ have read the rules and requirements and agree to follow them if I am awarded a garden plot. I understand that garden plots are limited, and I may not be awarded a plot. I also understand that as a renter of the community garden, the F.A.M.I.L.Y. group and members are not liable for any personal damage, injury, vandalism, loss or claims that may arise with the community garden.

Please return this signed form and the plot fee to: F.A.M.I.L.Y. Community Garden 423 E Main St, Lawton, IA

(keep the 2 page rules/requirements for your records) anytime between now and June 1, 2025.

Make checks payable to: LB FAMILY Group.

If you are awarded a plot, you will be notified on or after June 1.

Printed name

Signature

Address

E-mail

Phone number