

To Participate as a Gardener:

I am interested in participating in the community garden. Please send me an application and more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Help will be available for those in need.

Please send to:

Laura Lokken
First Congregational Church
311 2nd Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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The Gardens

The community garden location is on the corner of Hill Street and Spruce Avenue on land owned by Riverview Hospital Association.

Garden sizes and gardening methods:

- 20' x 20' in ground plots for traditional gardening
- 4' x 8' raised beds for square foot gardening
- 4' x 4' wheelchair accessible table-top beds for square foot gardening
- Plots available on a first come, first serve basis for a yearly fee of \$10

There are over 60 garden plots available. The community garden committee will continue to expand to more locations as time and funding allows until the demand for gardening space is met.

What is Square Foot Gardening? It is a method of intensive gardening where crops are planted close together in squares rather than traditional rows.

Advantages of Square Foot Gardening:

- Can grow a lot of produce in a small area
- Use little to no fertilizers or pesticides
- Few weeds to pull

The Events

Work Days: There are work days each spring to get the gardens ready for the growing season. We also have a couple of work days as needed during the summer for special projects and a fall clean-up at the end of the gardening season. Each gardener is expected to volunteer at least 2 hours at one of these days.

Garden Orientations: All of the garden plots will be assigned at the orientation and there will be an informational session on methods of gardening.

Garden Tours and Educational Events: There will be educational sessions and evening garden tours with local experts to answer gardening questions and provide advice on harvesting, safe storage, and proper preparation of produce. The public will also be invited to participate.

Culture and Knowledge Sharing: We will also include cultural sharing between gardeners through the summer to better understand our neighbors.



Square foot intensive method of gardening.

To Volunteer or Donate:

I am interested in volunteering to help with the community garden. I would like to assist in the following capacity:

- Committee member
- Work-day volunteer
- Donate materials / tools
- Monetary donation

*Make checks payable to FCC / UCC
Denote "Community Garden" in memo line*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

Best time to contact: _____

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