

COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY

GARDEN PROGRAM – 2024 Season

6050 S. KENSINGTON AVE
(NWC OF KENSINGTON AND 61ST STREET)



Priority Registration: **February 26th** (Previous Year's Gardeners Only)

Open Registration: **March 18th**

10' x 10' Garden Plots are Available **May 6th** weather permitting

Conditions & Terms:

Open to City of Countryside Residents.

Visit www.countryside-il.org or call 708-485-4775 for more details and registration materials.

Register at the Countryside City Hall, 803 Joliet Road –
Community Development Department

Sponsored By:





Rules and Regulations: Season

1. The garden bed fee is \$35.00 per year; \$20.00 may be refunded back after the season if the garden bed is in an approved condition as determined by the Public Works Department. You will receive a check in the amount of \$20.00 if your garden bed is in approved condition. Checks will be mailed during the month of November.
2. Make the check payable to the "City of Countryside", cash and credit cards shall be accepted. Payments may either be mailed to the City or dropped off at City Hall. Please address your envelope to The City of Countryside, attention: Community Garden, 803 Joliet Road, 60525.
3. The garden bed fee and attached signed *Hold Harmless Agreement* is required to be submitted concurrently. Failure to sign and return the agreement will **not** allow the applicant to partake in the Countryside Community Garden.
4. Garden bed sizes are 10' x 10' (100 sq. ft.), dimensions are approximate.
5. A maximum of two (2) garden beds may be issued to a Countryside resident per their address depending on availability. More than two (2) garden beds may be issued to a resident at their address under certain circumstances at the discretion of the Community Garden Program Coordinator.
6. Returning Gardeners may use the same location as they had the previous year. Remaining garden locations are assigned by a *first come, first served* basis. If you decide to submit your hold harmless agreement and check via US Mail your garden bed will be assigned by the postmarked date on the envelope. If you decide to pay in person at City Hall, please call Richard Trent at (708) 485-4775 to arrange a time in which you can pick your own garden bed.
7. If you decide to pay by mail, Richard Trent will inform you of your garden bed.
8. Community garden participants may start utilizing the property on the first Saturday in May.
9. Man-made materials: cages, stakes, fences, etc. must be removed by October 1st. You are not permitted to extend your garden beyond your assigned bed boundaries. Any planting done in this manner will be removed.



10. The Countryside Community Garden is an organically managed property. Only OMRI (Organic Review Institute (www.omri.org)) listed insecticides and fungicides may be used. No herbicides are permitted. Organic home-made remedies also allowed.
11. Only biodegradable mulches are to be used (i.e. **no** black plastic).
12. All pathways are to be kept clear for mowers. Please do **not** put rocks, weed clumps, corn stalks, tools, chairs or structures on mowed pathways.
13. All garden debris is to be deposited in the areas provided. There is **no** trash service provided at the facility – this is a *carry-in/carry-out* facility.
14. Dogs are **not** permitted within the Countryside Community Garden.
15. Do **not** borrow privately owned tools without the owner's permission.
16. Perennial plants are **not** advised; there is no assurance having the same bed annually.
17. The Countryside Community Garden is located at **6050 South Kensington Avenue**.
18. Gardens left unattended are subject to non-renewal. If you reserve a plot and are then unable to garden, please notify Richard Trent at (708) 485-4775 so your unused plot can be reassigned.
19. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are **PROHIBITED** within the Countryside Community Garden.
20. Garden bed fees are non-refundable.
21. All children must be supervised at all times.
22. Participants that fail to return their water keys are subject to **non-renewal** and **forfeiture** of the \$20.00 key deposit (included in the registrations fee).



Countryside Community Garden

Hold Harmless Agreement – 2024 Season

I understand that the City of Countryside, Illinois is not responsible for my actions at the Community Garden located at 6050 South Kensington Avenue.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, INJURY, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT 6050 SOUTH KENSINGTON, AVENUE BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Please complete the information below in its entirety.

Full Name: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Full Email Address: _____

Full Phone Number: _____

Personal Check Number: _____

Requested Plot #: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Return completed form to the City of Countryside at the time of payment)

PLAT MAP

