Hartford COMMUNITY GARDEN

AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTFORD, SD



PLANT THOUGHTFULLY

Consider mature plant size, keep tall or vining plants from blocking paths or shading neighbors, and avoid corn and sunflowers.

CARE FOR YOUR PLOT

Maintain your plot all season.
Keep it weed-free and tidy.
Be respectful of other gardeners and do not pick from their plots.

USE RESOURCES WISELY

Water is available – please conserve.
Turn off the water and coil the hose when finished.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Take all non-compostable materials home (stakes, plastic, cardboard, etc.) by **October 20**. Do not dispose of garden waste in church trash bins.

SHARE THE HARVEST

We encourage you to share some of your first fruits with those in need (food shelf, day care, farmers market, etc.).

PLOT REGISTRATION

$25.00 per plot | Make payable to Christ Lutheran Church

Send registration and payment to:
Debra Jones | 508 Patrick Ave. | Hartford, SD 57033

Registration opens March of each calendar year.

YOUR COOPERATION HELPS CREATE AN ENJOYABLE GARDEN FOR EVERYONE.

Community Garden at Christ Lutheran Church Guidelines

#To use the church community garden, we would like you to offer some of your first fruits for someone in need, i.e. food shelf, day care, farmers market,etc.

#Keep in mind the mature size of your plants (tomatoes, squash, pumpkins). Remember the size of your plants in September last year! Don't plant vining plants right next to your fence or edge of garden plot, or they will have to be trimmed to keep pathways clear to avoid a tripping hazard. Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot and the control of weeds and grass in paths around the plot. It is expected that you will maintain your plot for the **ENTIRE** growing season. **EXCESSIVE WEEDS WILL CAUSE YOU TO FORFEIT YOUR PLOT FOR THE NEXT YEAR.** If you use cardboard in our plot, it **MUST BE REMOVED** at the end of the season as it will not decompose over the winter. Be considerate of your neighbors. Don't plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Don't pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission. Keep safety in mind: **NO** sharp wires sticking out of your fencing, NO vining plants in the pathways.

#You are encouraged to make soil improvements in your plot using organic material such as lawn clippings and other compost. If you are bringing in grass clippings, please **do not leave them piled in the parking lot, in the pathways, or on the lawn next to the garden plots. If you have a perimeter plot, keep all materials inside the fence, as it can smother and kill the adjacent lawn grass.**

#Anything you bring into the garden sites you are expected to carry out. If you use inorganic weed control (such as landscape fabric) you are responsible for maintaining its appearance. Secure it to prevent it from flapping in the wind or blowing away. Secure plant tags, milk jugs, or any other plant support system so they do not blow away. At the end of the season, clean off your plot and remove all materials that will not decompose such as wooden stakes, cardboard, zip ties, and plastic plant labels no later than Oct.20.

#Please do not throw any trash, plastic plant containers, or weed into the church trash enclosures. Take them home with you.

#Water is available for your use. Please use good water conservation practices. Overuse may cause increase in plot fee for the next year. When you are done put the hose away – **COILED** on the post; **NOT** laying in a heap or laying in the gardens. **Make sure the water is turned off!**

#Please keep the area clean with no weeds in the garden or the surrounding grass. **Gather your weeds and excess plant material and throw it away at home.**

#Perennial plants, trees, building materials and carpet are not allowed in the community gardens. **NO CORN OR SUNFLOWERS because they shade other plants.**

#Your cooperation in following these guidelines will make an enjoyable experience for everyone.

REGISTRATION WITH FEE REQUIRED BY ALL GARDENERS.

Plot Registration Fee - $25.00 (Make payable to Christ Lutheran Church)

Please return to Debra Jones

508 Patrick Ave.

Hartford, SD 57033

First Name:_____Last Name:_____

Address: _____

Phone Number:_____E-mail: _____

Please Print Legibly - Thank you