

Oskaloosa
Community Gardens

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Your Community,
Your Family,
& Yourself

Why Plant a Garden?

Be happier.

Community gardens improve people's quality of life.

Help your community.

Build and strengthen your community.

Save money.

Having a garden reduces family food budgets.

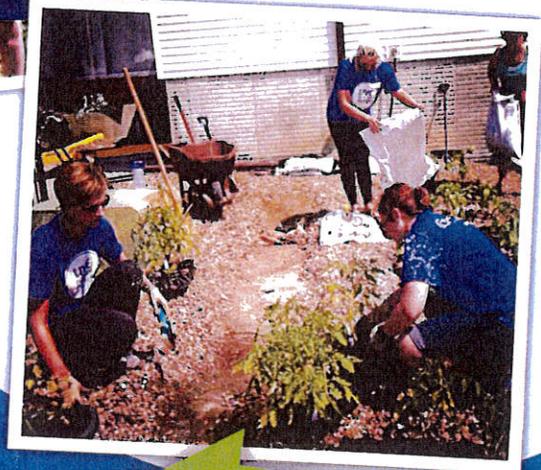
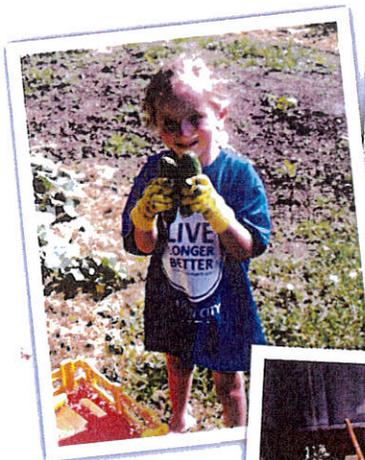
Spend quality time with your family.

Community gardens are healthy, inexpensive, and fun ways to bring families closer together.

Get some exercise.

Gardening is a great way to move naturally.

Gardening for 30-45 minutes burns around 150 calories!



Get Involved!

Learn more about community gardens
**ISU Extension & Outreach
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Oskaloosa Community Gardens Agreement and Waiver

Name _____
 Address _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Plot Location	_____
Garden Plot #	_____
Plot Fee Paid: \$	_____

Please circle your preferred location:

William Penn Garden OCSD Glendale Garden Hope Garden Lifeforge Church Garden

Each Community Garden location will have their own additional rules. Fees and plots vary by location.

Plots will be rough tilled as soon as the weather permits. Each plot will be flagged with a number. Each Community Garden will assign plots and notify participants of their assignment. Please list any special needs or considerations for plot locations (i.e. – proximity to another family, etc.), and every effort will be made to accommodate those needs but cannot be guaranteed.

Each gardener is responsible for supplying seeds/plants, mulch, fertilizer and equipment. Temporary fencing is allowed to keep out small pests at the gardeners expense. Perennial, invasive, and unlawful plants are not allowed in the garden.

Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.

Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner. For safety and enjoyment of everyone, pets are not allowed.

At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as it was found in the spring. Plots must be cleaned by October 15 unless otherwise notified.

Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement

I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any claim(s) I may have against the landowner, their employees or agents, for any injury, damage, loss or claim arising from activities pursuant to this agreement sustained by me, my guests, family members or produce recipients. I agree to hold the landowner free from loss, cost and expense, including attorney fees and litigation, expenses as to any claim arising from my activities pursuant to this agreement. I understand and agree that the land owner makes no warranty or guarantee of the fitness of the plot for garden purposes.

I do **NOT** grant Mahaska County Extension permission to use photographs of my garden, myself or my organization

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Oskaloosa Community Gardens

What: A community garden is a piece of land cultivated by members of a community in an urban area

Where: You can apply for a plot at any of the following community gardens:

Hope Gardens

Garden Facilitator: Blaine Vos

Contact: 641-676-1601/ oskyhope@gmail.com

Location: 308 5th Ave West

Resources: Tools, tillage, seed, and water provided for garden plots. Individuals are responsible for maintenance of 10'x20' plots. New Hope Community Center also has capabilities for on-site processing, preserving, and storage for garden members.

Qualifications: Priority given to participants within walking distance of NHCC

OCSD FFA Learning Garden

Garden Facilitator: Bret Spurgin

Contact 641-895-2291/ spurginb@oskycsd.org

Location: South of Garfield School

Resources: This garden will serve as an opportunity for students to go through the process of preparation, planting, tending and harvesting a garden as well as providing the produce to local food pantries and shelters. The garden will be a student led effort with no costs.

Qualifications: Open to OCSD students and FFA members only.

OCSD Glendale Garden

Garden Facilitator: Ron VanHeuvelen

Contact: 641-660-4329/ rvheuvelen@gmail.com

Location: North of High School off Glendale Road

Resources: Cost determined by plot size: small 20 x 20 \$10, large 60 x 60 \$20. Plot prepared. There are no crop limitations (within garden guidelines) and no water available on-site.

Qualifications: Open to the community with families of OCSD taking first preference.

Lifeforge Church Garden

Garden Facilitator: David Steinbron

Contact 641-638-1657/ daalstein@gmail.com

Location: 1513 South Market St

Resources: Plot prepared

Qualifications: Open to the community.

William Penn Garden

Garden Facilitator: TBA

William Penn Contact: Marsha Riordan

641-673-1044/ riordanm@wmpenn.edu

Location: E Ave. between Trueblood &

Rosenberger Ave. (Western edge of WPU campus)

Resources: The University of William Penn provides water, and use of the grounds.

Qualifications: Open to the community. There are 20 -10 x 20 plots; each plot is \$20. *Multiple plots available on request.*

For questions about Community Garden opportunities and gardening, contact:

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