

2020 LaCroix Community Garden

Located in LaCroix Park (formerly LaCroix Links Golf Course)
678 E Minnesota St, RC SD 57701

Basics:

- The use of garden beds for the 2020 growing season will be free of charge* and assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis starting May 8, 2020. Please fill out the application at the end of this form so we have your basic contact information.
*RC Parks plans to charge a small rental fee for garden beds in the 2021 season and beyond.
- The garden beds available are:
 - (20) 6' x 13.5' in-ground beds
 - (8) 4' x 10' x 30" height raised beds
 - (10) 2' x 10' x 36" height raised beds
- Notification will be sent when garden beds are ready for participants to begin planting. Gardeners will be given a combination at that time to unlock the shed and hydrants.
- If the plot is kept neat throughout the growing season and cleaned up by the renter by the end of season deadline – September 30th, 2020 – the renter will have the option to keep the same bed in the next year.
- If any plots remain unclaimed on May 25th, 2020, additional plot allocations can be requested by garden participants. These will be chosen on a lottery basis.

Expectations:

- Each gardening individual or family will be responsible for keeping their garden bed(s) and surrounding area clean. Litter, cigarette butts, weeds from your garden, etc., should be taken from the garden site and properly disposed. There are trash cans available in the park.
- Water hydrants/faucets will be provided throughout the garden. Gardeners will need to share with their neighbors as each hydrant services multiple beds. Gardeners will need to provide their own watering cans, garden hoses and/or nozzles. Please make sure faucets are turned off completely before leaving the garden.
- As a favor to us for providing free irrigation, we kindly ask that you tend the grass walkway around your beds. A little water and pulling any weeds that pop up goes a long way to help us keep this garden looking beautiful!
- **If an irrigation line or hose bib within the premises is found to be broken or leaking, please contact the Rapid City Department of Parks and Recreation immediately at (605) 394-4175.**
- Each gardener should abide by posted guidelines if a shared compost pile is provided on the premises.

- All Rapid City Park Regulations apply within the garden fence:
 - No alcoholic beverages
 - Park Hours: 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 - Animals are to be leashed
 - Electrical Outlets are for food preparation only (none available within fence)
 - No parking on the grass
- While we're not going to tell you what not to plant in, place in, or apply to your garden, we ask that you take into consideration how insecticides, herbicides, self-seeding or quick-spreading plants (like mint) can drift over to your neighbors' gardens and ruin what they have planted. Likewise, erecting structures or signs which could shade or impede access to your neighbors' beds are discouraged.
- This year's deadline for all vegetation to be removed or cut back is Wednesday, September 30th, 2020. If volunteers are needed to facilitate end-of-season clean up, all gardeners will be contacted for assistance.
- Most importantly, please practice common courtesy by maintaining a neat garden, helping maintain common areas as you are able, and respecting others and their belongings.
 - Please remind small children to be respectful of others' garden beds, produce, and belongings.
 - If you use tools from the shed or others' tools with their permission, please put them back in place once finished.
- If you have any questions, contact the Rapid City Parks & Recreation Office at (605) 394-4175.

Mail completed form to
Rapid City Dept. of Parks and Recreation
LaCroix Community Garden
515 West Blvd
Rapid City, SD 57701

We hope you have an enjoyable and productive season!



Application for Garden Beds in LaCroix Community Garden



Name

Email

Phone Number

Choose which size plot you would like:

_____ 6' x 13.5' in-ground garden plot

_____ 4' x 10' x 30" height raised bed

_____ 2' x 10' x 36" height raised bed

To give everyone who wants to garden a chance, each family/individual will only be allowed one garden bed at this time. If there are unclaimed garden beds on May 25th, 2020, we will allow gardeners to request additional beds.

If there are unclaimed garden beds on 5/25/20, I would like to be contacted about being responsible for another.

I have read and understand the guidelines and expectations for the garden.

Signature

Date