



Sophia Street Community Garden

Corner of Sophia and Michael Streets, Manistee, MI

2019 Plot Rental

Sophia Street Community Garden is a volunteer-led program of Manistee Community Kitchen ~ a place where people gather, plant and grow together as a community. We encourage everyone to dig in!

The 4' x 8' raised bed plots are filled with nutrient-rich compost. They can be rented by individuals and organizations for \$30 annually. Gardeners have access to on-site water, asparagus & rhubarb patches, herb garden, compost bins and horticultural support. Gardeners agree to use organic and natural fertilizers and pest control.



Make checks or money orders payable to Manistee Community Kitchen with "Sophia Garden" as the memo. Please complete and return this form with your payment to: **Manistee Community Kitchen**
c/o Sharron Lemmer
1668 Ramona Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Plot Number(s), if any: _____

Special offer for Sophia Gardeners:
10% savings on plants (up to one flat)

Weesie's Greenhouses

3691 US 31 South, Manistee

Just tell them you are a Sophia Gardener when you are checking out.

Questions or Concerns? Contact Sharron Lemmer, 887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com

Item	Cost	Quantity	Subtotal
Plot Rental & all the extras	\$30.00		
Optional Tax-Deductible Donation (rental fees cover about 67% of costs)			
(Financial assistance available. Contact Sharron.)		Total Enclosed	

My gardening level is (circle one)

First-Timer
I've never done this before.

Beginner
I've grown a few things.

Intermediate
I've grown and harvested food somewhat successfully.

Experienced
I could teach a class.

What gardening demonstrations and instruction are of interest to you? _____

I have read and agree to the Sophia Street Garden Guidelines. I am excited to be part of the Sophia Garden Community. I understand that I could lose my gardening privileges if I do not comply with these guidelines.

Signed _____ Date _____

2019 Sophia Street Garden Guidelines

1. Gardeners will have their plot planted for the majority of the growing season. Each gardener will maintain (plant, water, weed and harvest) their rented plot(s). If a plot is unkempt, the gardener will be notified about a cleanup plan. If the plot is not cleaned, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
2. We require organic or natural fertilizers and pest control, if needed.
3. Deer, unfortunately, are regular visitors at Sophia. Repellents and barriers will follow Sophia policy and posted guidelines. Assistance is available if needed.
4. The compost bin should be used according to posted guidelines. These are essential for a healthy microbial mix. Finished compost may be used as a nutritious top-dressing in your bed.
5. If a gardener must abandon his/her garden, they will notify Sharron Lemmer, 887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com.
6. Gardeners may harvest crops only from their own plots or from the marked common areas.
7. At the end of the growing season, gardeners will clear their own plot and assist with the fall cleanup.
8. Gardeners may work in their plots from dawn until dusk. Children are welcome to work in the garden if accompanied by an adult.
9. Pets will be kept on a leash and closely supervised. We do not want any unexpected compost piles in the garden.
10. Any conflicts, cases of vandalism, or problems will be communicated with Sharron Lemmer, 887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com.
11. The garden is family friendly. Smoking, drunkenness, swearing, bullying, and intimidation will not be tolerated and may result in loss of privileges.
12. All gardeners agree to the following: "I understand that Manistee Community Kitchen is not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the MCK, partners, organizations, and sponsors for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests."

