



Sophia Street Community Garden

Corner of Sophia and Michael Streets, Manistee, MI

2021 Plot Rental

Sophia Street Community Garden is a volunteer-led program of Manistee Community Kitchen ~ a place where people gather, plant and grow together. 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 from each other. Gardeners agree to use organic and natural fertilizers and pest control. All are encouraged to help out with group work sessions whenever possible.



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, 231-887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com

Item	Cost	Quantity	Subtotal
Plot Rental & all the extras	\$30.00		
Optional Tax-Deductible Donation			
(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.

Tell us what gardening demonstrations and instruction are of interest to you. We'll try to schedule some workshops. _____

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 _____

2021 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 unkept, the gardener will be notified about a cleanup plan. If the plot is not cleaned, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
2. Watering hoses and nozzles are provided. When done using the hose, turn off the water at the spigot and wind up the hose on the reel or coil it neatly on the ground. (The mower appreciates your efforts.)
3. We require organic or natural fertilizers and pest control, if needed.
4. Deer, unfortunately, are regular visitors at Sophia. Guidelines for safe repellents and barriers will be followed (see separate policy for full details). In a nutshell, there are two spray products only that are acceptable. *Plantskydd* is the preferred repellent and will be provided with your rental. *Outta Here* is another approved product. *Fencing is the best* of all options, and it can be structurally simple and inexpensive. Assistance is available if needed.
5. The compost bin will 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.
6. If a gardener must abandon his/her garden, they will notify Sharron Lemmer, 231-887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com.
7. Gardeners may harvest crops only from their own plots or from the marked common areas.
8. At the end of the growing season, gardeners will clear their own plot and assist with the fall cleanup.
9. Children are welcome in the garden if accompanied by an adult.
10. Pets are welcome if kept on a leash and closely supervised. We do not want any unexpected waste piles in the garden.
11. Any conflicts, cases of vandalism, or problems will be communicated with Sharron Lemmer, 231-887-7000, sharronlemmer@gmail.com.
12. The garden is family friendly. Smoking, drunkenness, swearing, bullying, and intimidation will not be tolerated and may result in loss of privileges.
13. 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."

