2017 Tall Pines Garden Guidelines

**Eligibility:** All gardeners must be Lincoln County residents and sign a waiver of liability. Neither Lincoln County nor Pine Crest nor the University of Wisconsin Extension Office is liable in case of injury, accident, theft, vandalism, damage or loss of any sort. You may not transfer or assign your plot to another person.

**Donations of produce:** Donations are encouraged; donations of 10% of your garden yields are suggested. You are welcome to take your donation to any of the food pantries or community meals in the area, a list will be posted on shed door.

**Garden Orientation:** All new gardeners must complete a brief orientation in order for gardeners to be properly informed of the garden site, garden guidelines, and agreement form.
Plot Size and Boundary Stakes: The garden plots are 4x8 (raised bed) 4x10, 5x10, 4x20, or 5x20. The garden fee’s for the season is 50 cents a square foot, except for the raise beds. The gardeners can reserve their plots by the first business day in March. Pervious gardeners can reserve their prior plot before March 1st. No refunds will be given. Requests for multiple plots will be evaluated based on availability.

Community Garden Opening and Closing Dates: Access to the garden will be available when beds are assigned and signed agreements and payment have been made. Gardeners are required to clean plots and place vegetation on compost pile. A garden walk through inspection will occur November 15th.

Water: Water is available at the garden site some main hoses are there to use. If you want something different or hose attachment please bring your own. Water usage is included in fees.

Soil Preparation: Gardeners shall provide their own tools, seeds, and plants. Tall crops may be grown, but should not over shade another plot. Roto-tillers will not be permitted.

Fertilizing and Mulching: Gardeners may apply organic (such as composted plants and manure) or chemical fertilizer (such as 10-10-10) to garden plots. Make sure that chemicals fertilizers do not contain pesticides, as these products are not allowed in the garden. Fellow application rates for commercial products carefully, as excess chemical fertilizers can burn plants and reduce seed germination. Manure, compost and leaf mulch maybe available to community gardeners, at designated locations within the garden. Straw, leaves and newspaper are options. Plastic film/carpet may not be used as mulch because it interferes with maintenance. Be sure to cover newspaper with soil or leaf mulch to prevent it from blowing away.

Safety & Courtesy: Gardeners cannot in any way disrupt the operations of Pine Crest Nursing Home. Children must be supervised at all times by adults in the Community Garden. If children are within the garden they must stay in their in their own family’s plot or on an established paths. Do not enter, or allow your children to enter others’ garden plot for any reason.

Authorized People: Garden participants, people with the gardeners invitation, or other authorized personal with business at the site are permitted in the garden site.

Garden Neglect and Weed Control: Those who have neglected garden plots will be notified and given two weeks to remove weeds. If a gardener does not comply, they will lose the community garden privileges. The decision is at the discretion of the Community Garden Committee and Lincoln County Health Department. We all need to help keep the weeds pulled in the pathways and open area’s.

Garbage And Composting: There is no garbage pick-up at the garden site. All trash (containers, paper, etc.) and other refuse must be taken with you. Plant materials should be deposited in the designated compost area’s (preferably chopped up) and rocks should be put in the rock collection area of the garden. (Located next to the compost bin). Do not put brush or garbage in the compost pile.

Garden Cancellation: If you choose not to use your garden plot please contact the Lincoln County Health Department at (715-536-0307) so plots can be reassigned. There will be no refund after May 1st.

Right to Refuse Participation: The Community Garden Committee and Lincoln Health Department has the right to refuse rentals to anyone. If your gardens are not tended during the 2017 growing season according to the 2017 Garden Guidelines, you will not be allowed a priority plot rental for 2018 unless prior arrangements are made with the UW-Extension office. It is your responsibility to let
UW-Extension know if anything happens that hinders your ability to properly care for your garden in 2017. Our biggest concern are weed management and no pesticides usage. The Tall Pines Community Garden Committee hopes you have a great experience working and enjoying the fruits of your labor in the Garden. If you have any questions just calls leave me a message or send me an email.

Guidelines are subject to review and revisions.

I have reviewed and agree to the Community Garden Guidelines. I understand I must comply with all Community Garden Guidelines and am responsible for the compliance of all users of the plot I have been assigned. I understand if any users are found to be in violation of the guidelines or regulations for community gardens I will be subject to immediate revocation of the garden plot permit and loss of future permitting and use privileges.

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Signature of Applicant /Gardener   Date

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