

MEDLEY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

2026 GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The ADA accessible garden at Medley Park has 40 raised garden containers measuring 4' X 12'.
- The onsite shared tool shed is complete with garden tools for registered gardeners to use.
- The cost is \$40 per container for Golden Valley residents and \$55 per container for non-residents if space allows. Only one container is allowed to be rented per household.
- The 2025 season will run mid-May to mid-October (weather dependent).
- The City will assign each container, provide hoses for water access, and provide the combinations for the gate.
- The City will provide container soil, plant/weed compost bins, planting tables, planting carts, large buckets, a wheelbarrow, and picnic tables.
- Garden container annual assignments will be completed through a lottery system once resident registration closes. Those chosen will be notified by email with further instructions.
- Garden containers will not be held year to year. A lottery will be held annually.
- If a container becomes available during the season, a random draw from the lottery pool will be held.

KEY DATES

- January 6, 8 am: Registration begins for residents (in-person and online).
- January 20, 11:59 pm: Registration closes for residents.
- January 23: Random draw for containers. Those drawn will be notified by email and will have seven days to get payment in and the use guidelines signed.
- February 2, 8 am: Registration begins for non-residents (if space allows).
- February 9, 11:59 pm: Registration closes for non-residents (if it opens).
- April 13: No refunds will be issued after this date.
- Early-May: Gardens open (weather permitting).
- June 5: Gardens must be planted. Any unplanted gardens will go through a random draw.
- Mid-October (weather dependent): 2026 season ends. Garden containers must be cleared of all plants, weeds, and structures.



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GUIDELINES

To provide the best experience for all gardeners, the following guidelines have been developed for a fruitful, secure, and enjoyable place to garden.

- Gardeners will supply their own seeds, plants, and organic fertilizer and will cultivate their own crops. Only seasonal/annual plants are allowed. No perennials.
- No commercial/synthetic chemical pesticides and fertilizers are allowed. Only 100 percent certified organic fertilizer products are allowed and they should not impact other garden containers.
- Please be respectful of your neighboring gardeners and their crops. Never place weeds, rocks, or debris in someone else's container. Please only harvest crops from your garden plot. Vining plants cannot touch the ground or grow into adjacent containers.
- A garden tool share shed is onsite with tools available to use. Please clean and return all tools to the shed after each use.
- The shed is not a personal storage space and items stored in the shed are open to all users. Those wishing to donate garden tools to the shed may do so.
- Please return hoses to reels after each use and turn off the water.
- Containers must be kept free of weeds. Weeds are considered to be out of control if they are greater than 6 inches in height, flowering, or going to seed. Use cultivation or mulches to control weeds, not pesticides or weed killers.
- Please place any weeds you pull from your plot and any unusable produce in the designated compost waste area provided.
- The City of Golden Valley is not responsible for any theft or damage to garden areas, including from animals.
- If you decide that you no longer want to care for your container at any point during the season, please contact the City (see contact information below). No refunds will be issued after April 16.
- Gardeners who fail to properly clean up their container at the end of the season will not be allowed to use a container for one full year and may be charged a clean-up fee.
- All offenses will be given one warning. If corrective action is not taken, failure to comply with the community garden guidelines will result in losing the container for the rest of the season with no refund issued.
- Gardeners who neglect or abandon their container, do not keep their containers free of weeds, or do not follow use guidelines will not be allowed to get a container for one full year.
- No pets are allowed in the enclosed garden area. Children must be supervised at all times.
- Vehicles must remain in the parking lot.
- Garden updates and news will be communicated to registered gardeners through email.
- Gardeners cannot grow cannabis, corn, and sunflowers.

I understand the use guidelines.

Name

Signature

X

Date

For questions or concerns, please contact Recreation Coordinator Kevin Martinez Del Arca at k
martinezdelarca@goldenvalleymn.gov or call the Golden Valley Parks and Recreation office at 763-512-2345.

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