



2024 Maring-Hunt Library Allotment Garden Program Guidelines, Rules, Registration, and Waiver Form

General Information

The MPL gardening season runs from April 15 through October 31, 2024. All gardeners must register with MPL to be assigned a garden plot and to receive important information throughout the gardening season. *Gardeners will follow organic gardening practices.*

Registration and Fees

All plots are approximately 5' X 38'. Rental fees collected help the Library provide water and gardening tools for this program. One plot rental fee is \$25. Two plots are \$40.

Contact Information

For best communication, please provide your email address. Gardeners with questions and comments may contact MPL staff via email: kvillanueva@munpl.org or phone the Maring-Hunt Information Desk (765) 747-8204 for details and assistance.

Garden Hours & Garden Season Timeline

The gardens open daily at 5am and close at dusk.

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By June 1, there should be evidence of substantial progress toward a productive garden. All plots are expected to be well cared for and then cleared of all debris by October 31. This includes cages, plant debris, plastic, etc.

The Library has a garden shredder. We hope to shred garden refuse and add it to a compost pile located inside the fenced area. In this way, we can add nutrients back to the garden plots. The shredder is available upon request.

What the Library Provides

1. Access to water, hoses, manual tools, and gardening equipment.
2. A garden tiller and shredder are available upon request.
3. Gardening tools are securely kept in the organized garden shed. Each gardener will receive the lock combination of the garden shed.
4. The Library has installed solar lighting to aid in personal safety and to aid in the prevention of theft and vandalism to the garden and to the nearby pavilions.

What the Library Expects

1. MPL garden tools used should be cleaned and returned to their proper place after use.
2. The garden shed must be locked each and every time it is opened.
3. Gardeners should place rocks cleared from their plot alongside the garden shed.
4. Vining plants should be kept off the walking path between the plots.
5. All garden waste should be added to the garden compost pile.
6. Water should be turned off and the hoses wound up near the spigots after use.
7. Gardeners must close and lock gates when leaving the garden.
8. Gardeners should report any damage, vandalism, theft, or suspicious activity in the garden area to Library staff immediately.

Tools, Cages, Trellising, and Other Materials

Soil amendments, trellising, stakes, cages, and other materials are permitted but must be kept within the gardener's own plot boundaries. These must be of a non-permanent nature. Any plastic, carpet or landscaping fabric used as a weed barrier needs to be removed at the end of gardening season. Some cages/trellising materials may be available on site, but gardeners are expected to provide their own. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be returned clean and undamaged at the end of the gardening season. No fencing is allowed around individual plots.

Chemicals and Pesticides

Only natural organic practices and fertilizers may be used in MPL garden plots. No chemicals or pesticides including fungicides, weed killers, herbicides, or insecticides are permitted.

Pets/Animals

Only service animals are allowed in the fenced area. Pets should not be inside the fenced area.

MPL Not Responsible for Theft and Damage

The Gardens at Maring-Hunt Library is a public space. Muncie Public Library is not responsible for any theft of produce, personal belongings, or for damage to an assigned garden plot.

Questions/Comments?

For general information and comments, call the Information Desk at (765) 747-8204. You can contact the Garden Coordinator at kvillanueva@munpl.org.

2024 Garden Plot Registration Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I have read the Community Garden Information and Rules and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in the loss of future gardening privileges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Plot #(s) assigned _____

Waiver Form

I _____ agree to hold harmless Muncie Public Library, its staff, and/or volunteers in the event of an accident or loss in the garden area.

Signed _____ Date _____

MPL Representative Initials: _____ Date _____

Thank you!

Staff Use:

Amount Paid: _____ *Date Paid:* _____