

Q & A

Who can use the garden?

Registration is open to the public.

For whom is the food being grown?

Personal use. Some spaces will be designated to use for hunger relief. There may also be some communal spaces (used for the benefit of all gardeners).

Are other groups or organizations involved with the garden?

Produce grown in the hunger relief spaces will go to local food pantries, regional food banks, or other hunger relief efforts. Various local groups teach gardening techniques, cooking classes, and preservation skills; we hope to partner with some of these groups and host events on-site.

What types of garden spaces are available?

4' x 8' raised beds and 10' x 20' plots

How many spaces are available?

Approximately 60 raised beds and 20 plots (10' x 20') are available in 2018. Depending on timing, more spaces may be added if needed.

Can a gardener have more than one space?

Yes. Each space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is there a cost to reserve space?

A \$5 minimum donation is requested per space to help offset a portion of the garden expenses.

Is water provided?

Rain barrels will be used to collect water for use in the garden. The barrels will be filled using some other source (city water, hydrant, etc.) if rainwater is insufficient.

Is the garden organic?

Organic gardening techniques are welcomed but not required. Any fertilizers, pesticides, etc. that are used must be kept within each gardener's space.

What about animals in the garden? Fencing?

There is no plan for a fence at this time, but one may be added if necessary. Pets should not be brought into the garden.

What about weeds? How will abandoned spaces be handled?

Weeds need to be kept in at least moderate control, meaning they need to be removed before going to seed (and spreading throughout the garden).

If a gardener knows they will be unable to tend to their space for some period of time, they are encouraged to communicate with other gardeners and ask for help.

If a space appears abandoned, the gardener will be contacted and given time to address the issue. If the issue is not addressed in a timely manner, the produce will be donated to hunger relief and the space reassigned.

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What are other ways to get involved or support the garden?

There will be scheduled work days to prepare the garden for the spring. Those times will be communicated in advance for those that would like to help. Additionally, the hunger relief sections will be maintained by volunteers. Anyone may volunteer, even if they don't use the garden.

Monetary donations are appreciated. If you'd like to "sponsor" a section of the garden, a \$40 donation will cover the installation cost of a 4' x 8' raised bed. Additional donations will be used for the hunger relief garden.

Donations of typical garden items – hose, tool, fence post, etc. – are welcomed provided they are in good condition. "Wish list" donation items that could be included in the garden are a small storage shed (for tools), an outside display board (to communicate garden news and events), and a picnic table (for a rest area).

How do I sign-up or make a donation? Who do I contact with questions?

Sign-up and donation information will be available at www.lifehousefw.com under "SERVE" then "Community Garden". For help with this or any other community garden questions, contact Jared Foote at jlasaf2007@yahoo.com or (260) 908-1507.

