

Community Garden Program at Woottons Mill Park

472 Hurley Avenue | Rockville, MD 20850



The City of Rockville has extensive parks and open spaces, including garden plots located at Woottons Mill Park. Woottons Mill Park features 106.5 acres of land, tennis and basketball courts, forest preserve and nature trail, foot bridge, playground, picnic tables, and grills. The Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible for caring and maintaining our parks. We are committed to offering a variety of recreational opportunities for all residents. Owned and operated by the City of Rockville, Maryland.

The Community Garden Program at Wootton Mills Park is managed by:

Rockville Civic Center Business Office
(located at Glenview Mansion)
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2026 Community Garden Plot Map (Woottons Mill Park)

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Each plot is approximately 20 feet x 20 feet (plots with A or B are 10' x 20').

Plots are not to scale in this map.

 indicates a water spigot.

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Season Program Fees

Rockville Residents: \$80 per 400 square foot plot
 \$60 per 200 square foot plot

Non-Rockville Residents: \$90 per 400 square foot plot
 \$70 per 200 square foot plot

Payment is due immediately upon enrollment. Program fees will not be refunded or prorated. All plots are the property of the City of Rockville, Maryland and are not transferrable. Plots that are given up or are revoked for cause will be returned to the Rockville Civic Center Business Office for re-assignment.

If paying by credit card online, MasterCard and Visa only are accepted. If paying by cash or check (made payable to the City of Rockville), please enroll in-person at the Rockville Civic Center Business Office and bring a valid form of ID (e.g., driver's license, utility bill, lease). If you can't enroll in-person, please contact us at woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8660 to make other arrangements. You will be given a deadline by which your payment must be received by mail. Do not mail cash. The Rockville Civic Center Business Office is located at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm (closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm). Check our [website](#) to learn when the venue is closed due to private events.

The Rockville resident program fee applies to those owning property or living within the corporate tax district of the City of Rockville. The registration permit must be in the name of the Rockville resident and the home address must be located within incorporated Rockville, Maryland. The Rockville resident program rate is only available at the time of enrollment and will not be applied later. Check your residency using the [GIS City Map](#).

Program Dates

Dates are approximate and based on weather.

- By April 1, 2026: Program participants may access their garden plot starting at sunrise and begin working in their assigned plot including weeding, soil amendment, and cultivation.
- By June 1, 2026: Most of the garden plot space must be planted.
- By November 15, 2026: Gardeners must remove weeds, dead plants, and summer debris from garden plots and completely clean and clear out their garden plots by sunset.
- During the entire gardening season, dead plants and those that have stopped producing should be removed promptly.

Renewal Registration Dates

For Rockville Residents: You are eligible to renew your existing garden plot if you are currently enrolled in the program.

For Non-Rockville Residents: You are eligible to renew your existing garden plot if you were enrolled in the 2024 program season and kept your existing garden plot. If you do not renew your existing plots this season, you will be ineligible to renew again in any season. You can participate in the program through open registration.

- Renewal begins on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 9:00am.
- Renewal ends on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Rockville Resident Open Registration Dates

- Open registration begins on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00am.
- Open registration ends on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:59pm.

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Non-Rockville Resident Open Registration Dates

- Open registration begins on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:00am.
- Open registration ends on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:59pm.

General Information

1. The community garden at Woottons Mill Park is located at 472 Hurley Avenue in Rockville, Maryland.
2. Most plots are approximately 400 or 200 square feet. All plot sizes are approximate and variation in size and shape from plot to plot each season is normal.
3. Plots are rented as-is (in current condition) and are the responsibility of the new program participant to clear/clean out.
4. Plots are tilled annually before April 1 (further tilling by the program participant is recommended).
5. The number of available plots may vary year-to-year and all available plots are first-come, first-served and plots may not be held.
6. A program participant may rent more than one garden plot per season.
7. There is a parking lot located at Woottons Mill Park. Park in marked spaces only and parking in front of the dumpster is not permitted. There is no vehicle access to the plot area for unloading supplies, so be prepared with a wagon or wheelbarrow. Do not drive into the park per [Sec. 14-53 Sub\(b\)](#).
8. Registered participants in the Woottons Mill Garden Plot Program shall be fully responsible for and shall indemnify and hold the City of Rockville harmless from any damage to or loss of objects or property and for any personal injury incurred during or as a result of City property use. Participating in this program is at your own risk.
9. Rockville, Maryland Code of Ordinances applies to the Community Garden Program at Woottons Mill Park: https://library.municode.com/md/rockville/codes/code_of_ordinances

City of Rockville Provisions

1. The plots will be staked, marked with string, and numbered with a small utility flag placed in the center of the plot.
2. The City of Rockville does not provide fencing; however, fencing is required to be installed by each renter.
3. The maintenance crew mows the area surrounding the garden perimeter every 2 weeks from April through October annually. To avoid damaging any fencing, a grass buffer is left surrounding the plots. Unassigned plots or abandoned plots will be cut down once per month only.
4. Organic bins are located around the perimeter of the community garden. These bins are to be used for weeds, plants, rock, and soil debris only. All other debris must be placed in the dumpster located in the parking lot area. Be sure to separate items accordingly. Do not place trash in front of the dumpster, trucks will not be able to empty the trash bin.
5. A wood chip pile is located on-site. These wood chips may be used in the plots to maintain the weeds, as well as along the pathways that access the plots. All gardeners are welcome to use the wood chips at the garden site on a first-come, first-served basis. Replenishing the wood chip pile only occurs when the Parks crew completes projects throughout the City of Rockville that create wood chips (e.g., tree trimming, removal of wood piles, etc.). There is no set schedule for wood chips to be delivered.
6. There are water spigots throughout the community garden for registered program participant use.
7. City of Rockville staff may empty water containers that are not sealed tightly to help reduce mosquito problems.

Conditions of Use

Communication Rules

1. Gardeners must maintain a current mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number on file with the Rockville Civic Center Business Office. Any changes must be updated in CivicRec and sent to woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov.
2. Notify the Rockville Civic Center Business Office at woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov if you are away or not able to keep up with maintenance tasks due to travel, illness, or other circumstance.

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Safety Rules

1. Gardeners are not allowed to trap animals (ground hogs, raccoons, rabbits, etc.) in the community garden or Woottons Mill Park at any time. Gardeners experiencing any issues with wild animals at the garden plot site must call the Rockville Animal Control Services at 240-314-8937.
2. If the weather includes thunder, lightning or high winds, all program participants must leave the community garden and Woottons Mill Park until the conditions change and safe use of the outdoor areas is appropriate. High winds easily blow gardening equipment and plantings out of place and down tree branches. Picnic shelters are not a safe environment during lightning storms or high winds. Lightning storms travel faster than you think and may not be accurately reflected on radar weather maps.
3. If you observe illegal activities in the garden plots and/or park, contact the Rockville City Police Department immediately to report the incident and file a report. Please also inform the Rockville Civic Center Business Office at woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov that you contacted the police and include the following information: Your first and last name, direct phone number, date and time of incident, detailed overview of incident, and police report or case number.

Phone Number to Non-Emergency Police Dispatch: 240-314-8900

Urgent or Life-Threatening Emergencies: Call 911

Plot Access Rules

1. Public access hours of the community garden and Woottons Mill Park is sunrise to sunset.
2. Use of garden plot outside of the season date range is strictly prohibited.
3. By the season end date, clear and clear all items from the garden plot site. All trash and garden debris must be removed. Organic disposal bins are available throughout the clean-up process for organic materials, weeds, plants, rock, and soil debris only. All fencing, caging, weed barrier, containers, hoses, tools, and other garden supplies must be removed from the community garden and Woottons Mill Park property. There is no storage at the community garden from one season to another. The Rockville Civic Center Business Office will email detailed cleanup instructions before the season end date.

Plot Markers & Equipment Rules

1. Be sure to locate the correct plot you rented to ensure that you don't accidentally plant in the wrong plot.
2. Always keep plot markers upright and visible. Gardeners shall not relocate any plot markers. Plot markers are not to be used as fencing material, plant structures, or watering can holders.
3. Gardeners must provide their own tools and take their tools home when they are done for the day. Gardeners are also responsible to provide their own, fencing, weed barrier materials, and plants. The garden plots are in an open public park. It is recommended that all items be labelled with a name and plot number.
4. Gardeners are responsible to bring their own hoses and a splitter to connect to the water source so that multiple gardeners may use the water spigot at the same time. Do not leave your hose connected to the water spigot. For safety reasons, all hoses must be rolled up and returned to the plot. Alternatively, the hose must be buried along the pathway if you do not return the hose to the plot to prevent tripping/falling hazards.
5. Ensure there is no encroachment into paths or other garden plots. Gardeners must store all tools, wheelbarrows, and other items inside the garden plot they are renting. Do not store items in the garden paths. Garden paths must be kept open and clear of all items – no tools, wheelbarrows, or garden debris may be stored or left on the garden paths. Items left in the paths are subject to removal.
6. Plastic weed barrier material must be contained within the plot and not extend into the walkway aisle space or other plots. Wood chips are the only material to be used in the aisles.

Gardening, Maintenance & Planting Rules

1. Gardeners are responsible to maintain their entire plot, adjacent paths, and adjacent interior and exterior fence lines by weeding and spreading wood chips.

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2. Work in your garden plot at least once every week to maintain weeding, cultivating, watering, and harvesting. Weeds must never reach taller than 10 inches in height at any time and crops must be harvested when ready.
3. Growing tall plants such as corn or sunflowers is very limited. Tall plants should only be planted if they will not shade neighboring plots. Tall plants must be placed in the center of the plot to avoid this situation as much as possible.
4. Only plants that perform their entire life cycle from seed to flower within a single season are permitted in this program. This allows for complete clean up at the end of season.
5. Invasive plants are not allowed in the garden. Aggressive plants like mint, lemon balm, plants that reproduce multiple seeds, and similar plants must be grown in above-ground containers.
6. Organic practices with an emphasis on good sanitation are strongly encouraged in all parts of the community garden. Sanitation practices include handpicking pests, using row covers, pruning or digging out diseased plants, and physically removing weeds.
7. The use of insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc. is prohibited.
8. To improve the soil, manage weeds and pests, and maintain the garden's appearance, applying mulch, newspaper, or cardboard is strongly recommended. Carpet, stone, and sod mulch are not allowed.
9. A violation of open water containers may result in the revocation of your plot.
10. Hoarding water from the spigots is not allowed and practice water conservation. Gardeners must be present when watering and do not leave water running unattended.
11. Do not place burlap, plastic, or paper materials in the organic bins.

Fencing & Structure Rules

1. Gardeners must erect their own fencing within their plot boundaries. There are a variety of fencing materials that are allowed. For example, metal fencing, wood fencing and mesh fencing are options. If using mesh fencing, the mesh pattern must $\frac{3}{4}$ square in diameter or larger and higher than 3' from the ground. Mesh fencing may not be used if less than 3 feet from the ground.
2. The fencing materials must not create tripping or other safety hazards and must be neutral in color such as black, grey, green, silver (red, yellow, orange is not okay). Fences must always be kept weeded.
3. The City of Rockville reserves the right to remove fences that are unsightly or negatively affect gardeners or other plots. Removal will be at the gardener's expense.
4. Structures such as trellises, wood ladders or other support systems built within a plot are permitted, but limited to 4 feet high, and must always be kept weeded. Any other types of structures may not be erected without written approval from the Rockville Civic Center Business Office (send all requests to woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov).

Courtesy Rules

1. Respect your fellow gardeners and City of Rockville staff. Verbal, physical, and personal attacks or harassment are strictly prohibited. If there is a situation you are unable to resolve, please contact the Rockville City Police Department at 240-314-8900 and Rockville Civic Center Business Office at woottonsmill@rockvillemd.gov.
2. City of Rockville parks are smoke-free and vaping-free. Woottons Mill Park is also alcohol-free.
3. Loud or amplified music is prohibited.
4. Visitors are not permitted in the community garden unless accompanied by a current registered program participant.
5. Children are welcome to garden and must always be supervised by their parent or guardian.
6. Pets are not allowed in the community garden area (service animals specifically trained to aid a disabled person are allowed).
7. Gardeners should not enter the plots of other gardeners without permission from the registered program participant.
8. Gardeners are not allowed to borrow or use anything without permission of the owner. Taking produce, equipment, or other items from another gardener may result in the revocation of your plot, which will be returned to Rockville Civic Center Business Office for re-assignment, and the entire program fee will be forfeited.

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Plot Inspections and Violation Policy

Plots are subject to regular inspections. Failure to abide by the rules will result in entire season program fees being forfeited, a monetary fine, loss of plot, and/or program suspension. Failure to pay any fine will result in your City of Rockville program/rental registration account being frozen. You may not register or rent any property, or any other entity owned and operated by the City of Rockville, until the fine is paid in full.

Section Name	Penalty
General Information	\$200 fine Loss of plot for current season Entire season program fees forfeited 1-year program suspension next season
Safety Rules	\$200 fine Loss of plot for current season Entire season program fees forfeited 1-year program suspension next season
Plot Access Rules	E-mail warning (1st violation) Gardener has 2 weeks to fix 1st violation Loss of plot for current season and entire season program fees forfeited (2nd violation) Exception: Failure to clean and clear garden plot by season end deadline will result in a \$100 fine and 1-year program suspension next season.
Plot Markers & Equipment Rules	Gardener must clean and clear plot before moving to correct plot. Any equipment or items found to be in violation are subject to removal and City is not responsible for the loss. Exception: Plastic weed barrier encroaching into walkway aisles or other plots will result in an e-mail warning for 1st violation and loss of plot for current season and entire season program fees forfeited for 2nd violation.
Gardening, Maintenance & Planting	E-mail warning (1st violation) Gardener has 2 weeks to fix 1st violation Loss of plot for current season and entire season program fees forfeited (2nd violation)
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