

If you love gardening but don't have a yard or have one that is too small for your dream garden, you can rent a garden plot in Central Park!



The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation has a special, sunny area of Central Park reserved just for garden plots.

Gardeners may grow any vegetable or flower crops they want on their private plots.

Renters can even select from a number of organic plots. These are plots that have been free of pesticides and herbicides for more than three years.

**Plots are available in two sizes:
20' x 20' or 20' x 40'.**

To rent a plot, you simply pay a one-time fee for the season. The fee for a 20' x 20' plot is \$16, and the fee for a 20' x 40' plot is \$20.

Garden plots are open from April 15 - October 15. They can be rented as early as March 1.

To rent a garden plot, simply stop in or call the Park Office at 717-299-8215 anytime Mon. - Fri., 8:30 -5 p.m. Plots can be rented over the phone using a Visa® or MasterCard®.

Rules and Regulations

In order to properly manage the gardens in the interest of safety, maintenance, and appearance, the following rules and regulations are to be observed:

1. Plots will be available for planting from April 15 through October 15 (weather permitting). **Please note that organic plots are not plowed.**
2. **Shanties and lean-to-shelters or shade stands of any kind are not permitted.** Lockers that are no larger than 2 feet high, 2 feet wide, and 6 feet long are permitted.
3. Gardeners are responsible to weed and properly manage their gardens. On or before October 15, gardeners must remove all non-biodegradable material (i.e. stakes, fence, wire, lumber) from the garden. The five stakes placed by the Department should remain. Failure to comply may result in additional clean-up costs charged to the gardener.
4. Herbicides are not permitted; fertilizers manufactured from municipal sludge are also prohibited. Insecticides and fungicides may be used with care. Persons wishing to use these materials must maintain a two-foot unplanted border within their garden and must prevent spray from drifting onto other plots' plants.
5. A water spigot is provided for garden plot use. Only hand watering, using cans or buckets, will be permitted. Watering containers must be covered or turned upside down after use; no standing water is permitted in the garden plot areas. In the event of drought conditions, the Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to turn off the water.
6. Metal posts may not be used for any purpose. Wood may be used to support fencing, stake plants or to border plots.
7. Trash barrels are provided for your convenience. Rocks, weeds and plant packaging materials should NOT be placed in these barrels. Please take these items with you.
8. Gardeners will be issued a rear view mirror placard for each of their vehicles. This placard must be hung on the rear view mirror of each vehicle while parking at the garden plots.
9. The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation is not responsible for damages incurred by gardeners as a result of stolen or damaged articles or

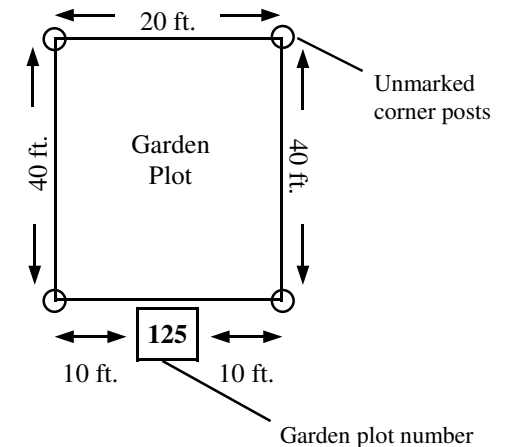
food from the garden plots. Use of the County's garden plots is solely at the gardener's own risk, and the gardener assumes full liability.

10. Gardeners are to observe all County Park rules. Additionally, dogs and loud music are prohibited from the garden plot area.

How to Locate Your Garden Plot

The garden plot you have rented is one of over 300 individual plots, so please make sure you find the right one. You can locate your garden by looking for the wooden marker with the plot number you received in the park office. We cannot guarantee that each plot will have the exact boundaries from year to year.

Remember your numbered marker is not at the corner of the plot; instead, it is directly in front of the plot. You have rented 10 feet to the left and 10 feet to the right of your numbered marker. The wooden stakes mark the four corners of your garden.



If you have questions about your plot or you need more information, please contact the Park Office at 717-299-8215.

Benefits of Renting a Garden Plot:

- * Renting a plot is easy and affordable.
- * Gardeners get to meet others who share their love of gardening.
- * Gardening is relaxing, especially when done in the quiet and beauty of Central Park.
- * Gardeners can keep their tools at their plot if they provide their own chest or lock box.
- * The Parks Department will plow plots for renters each spring, free of charge. (This service is not available in the organic plots.)



- * Groups can rent plots and use them to teach gardening or to grow food for those in need.
- * Garden plots make ideal projects for youth and Scouting groups.



- * Additional gardening tips are available by contacting the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service in Lancaster County at 394-6851.

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Garden Plot Rental Program



*A program for gardeners
with limited space at home.*

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