



# Lower St. Croix Valley Community Gardens

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*for the communities of*  
**Afton, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach & St. Mary's Point**

## 2024 GARDEN PLOT GUIDELINES

### **General Information:**

Spring will be here soon, time for gardeners to get their hands dirty. The Rinta Community Garden has 25 plots available to residents of the Lower St. Croix Valley. Plots are approximately 900 square feet.

There is no charge for using a plot. Gardeners are asked not to use pesticides and to use organic fertilizers. There is no well water at the site, but 2 rain barrels collecting runoff from a small shed will hold 250 gallons of water for irrigation when necessary. The installation of a high fence has thwarted hungry deer.

### **Gardening Guidelines:**

Community gardeners must use organic methods of growing their plants, use mulch to control runoff, and eliminate weeds in the plots. No restrictions will be put on what is grown on the plot with the exception that there will be no commercial production. Gardeners with excess produce should plan to donate their produce to local food shelves. Plots shall be well maintained, and fencing and other hardscape should be harmonious with the site. Gardeners are asked to use their best judgment when choosing materials. If materials are deemed inappropriate, the gardener will be asked to remove it, improve its appearance or replace it with something more attractive.

### **Applying for a garden plot:**

Complete the Application Form. Keep this page of Guidelines for your records. **Applications are due by April 1, 2024.**

The Application Form is available on the Afton city website: [www.ci.afton.mn.us](http://www.ci.afton.mn.us) or contact your City Hall for an application. The application must be returned to Afton City Hall, 3033 St. Croix Trail South, P.O. Box 219, Afton, MN 55001; or email the completed form to: [officeasst@ci.afton.mn.us](mailto:officeasst@ci.afton.mn.us).

If you have additional questions, contact Barbara Ronningen at [bjronningen@yahoo.com](mailto:bjronningen@yahoo.com).

**Rinta Community Garden site is located on the south side of Hudson Road  
between Indian Trail and Shepherd of the Valley Church.**