



BEGINNING OUR 4TH YEAR!



14 New Gardeners

Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newest members:

- Kim Laureano (#14A)
- Lynn Rose (#14B)
- Emily Hallstrom Busha (#24)
- Chuck Fritz (#28)
- Audrey Wittry (#30)
- Holly Orwin (#37)
- Jack & Kathy Wepfer (#38)
- Roz Williams #40)
- Mary Burgan (#41B)
- Maura Brady Denton (#49B)
- Gregg & Mary Alice Guttormsen (#52)
- Juli Coffey & Ellen Mueller (#58A)
- Lisa McCaleb (#58B)

Welcome Gardeners

Growing food in a community garden plot offers great benefits and unique challenges. You'll meet new neighbors and fellow gardeners from beginners to masters – and maybe pick up a few tips along the way. However, the distance you travel from your house might limit how frequently you can visit your garden. But don't worry! Picking the right vegetables for growing can help you avoid potential frustration.

High maintenance vs. Low maintenance vegetables.

Some vegetables need much more attention than others. If you are unable to tend your garden often during harvest weeks, then you might want to choose vegetables that can hang out in the garden on their own as much as possible – the low maintenance vegetables:

- Basil • Beets • Cabbage • Eggplant • Garlic • Kale • Leeks • Onions
- Parsley • Peppers, Sweet & Hot • Potatoes • Swiss Chard • Cherry Tomatoes



Spring - A Time for Renewal

Thank You to our Spring Clean-up Volunteers!

Saturday, May 14 - Our community garden looks great after a long snowy winter and a very windy start to spring thanks to these wonderful volunteers:

- Jim & Chris Powell
- Mary Boneck
- Anne Bachmann
- Amy Kobussen
- Chuck Fritz (New)
- Mary Alice Guttormsen (New)
- Joan Hill
- Jeanine Rayala
- Joyce Hoehn
- Dorothy & Sarah Krembs
- Jean & John Langowski
- Lisa McCaleb & Carol (New)
- Cary & Lynn Rose (New)
- Darrell & Laurel Tschurwald
- Karen & Jerry Wilke

Please consider joining us at future volunteer events! It's a great way to meet new people and share gardening tips.



Can you hear your plot calling you?

It's tempting to *jump into your bed* and start planting soon after the snow melts. But remember - our average last spring frost date in Manitowish Waters is May 31 - although frost has occurred as late as June 11-20!*

In mid-to-late May, you can begin sowing the following seeds directly into the garden:

- Beets
- Carrots
- Chives
- Onions
- Parsley
- Peas
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Turnips

*According to plantmaps.com for all Wisconsin cities.



New Gardeners . . .

For our new gardeners, or novices, please check out the resources on our website, <https://growmw.org/for-gardeners/resources/>, if you need some inspiration.

And check out back newsletters on the website, too!



Resources for Gardeners

GROWing

- [19 Vegetable Garden Layouts that will inspire you](#)
- [Square Foot Gardening - Ultimate Guide](#)
- [How to start a Square-Foot garden](#)
- [SquareFootGardening.org](#)
- [An excellent source for stakes, trellises & other tools](#)
- [Stop it Before it Starts: Powdery Mildew](#)
- [How to plan a vegetable garden: A step-by-step guide](#)
- [Attracting Butterflies, Hummingbirds and Other Pollinators](#)
- [Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden Using Native Plants](#)
- [How to build a pollinator garden in seven steps](#)
- [Johnny's Selected Seeds Catalog Request](#)

Preserving

- [Simple, Easy Homemade Canned Tomatoes](#)
- [Canning Raw Pack Whole Tomatoes - A Step by Step Guide](#)
- [How to Can Tomatoes \(Without a Canner\)](#)
- [The Lazy Person's Guide to Canning Tomatoes](#)
- [Grandma's Canned Tomatoes](#)
- [Pickled Cherry Tomatoes for Canning](#)
- [Seasoned Tomato Sauce Recipe for Home Canning](#)
- [Canned Whole Tomatoes \(Using a Pressure Canner or Boiling-Water Bath\)](#)
- [Canning Tomatoes](#)
- [Canned Stewed Tomatoes](#)

Gardening with Children

- [Gardening with kids: How it affects your child's brain, body and soul](#)
- [10 Benefits of gardening with kids](#)
- [Gardening for children](#)



How to plant and grow carrots

We've heard just about every method for sowing carrots – those seeds are so TINY and hard to manage! And we think this might just be one of the best methods:

1. Mix carrot seeds with dry coffee grounds.
2. Broadcast seeds widely in the garden.
3. Thin the carrots once they start to grow.

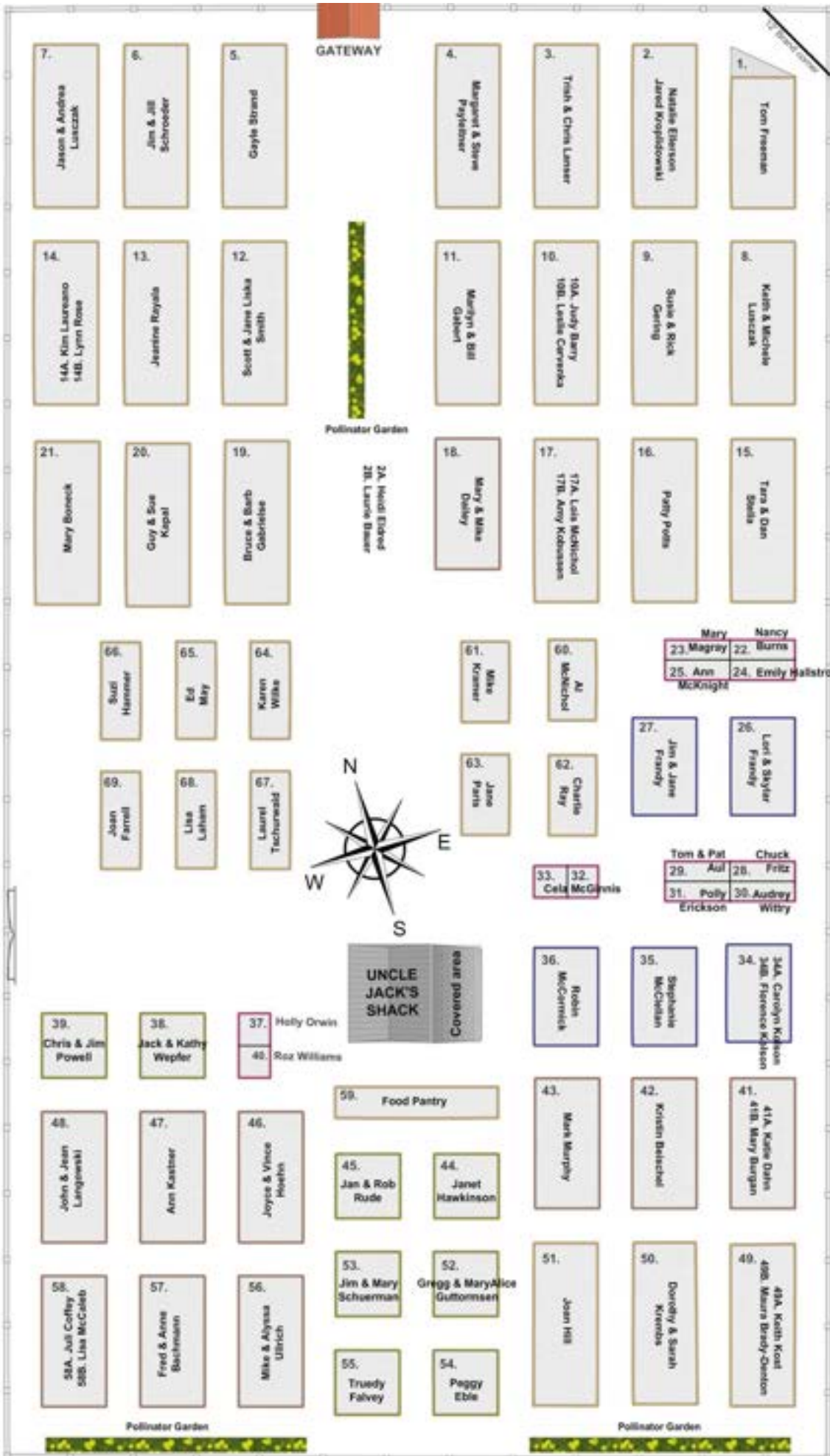
It's easy, fast, and the thinning later can actually feel relaxing!

Want more tips for growing great carrots?

Take a look at the information found on growfully.com! You'll find everything you need to know about growing carrots in your garden, including planting, harvesting, mulching, watering, and more.

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

Meet your neighbors!



Where in the world is Tom Freeman?

One of our charter members, Tom Freeman (#1) will be staying in his home state of Florida this gardening season to continue recovering from a medical procedure last winter. We will certainly miss his smiling face, his generous sharing of gardening wisdom, and his willingness to spruce up the garden pathways with his leaf blower without being asked. In his absence, however, Tom has graciously donated the use of his bed for the Boulder Junction Food Pantry.



Thank you, Tom!!
Speedy recovery wishes. The garden won't be the same without you!



"Key" Spring Planting Tip from Master Gardener Cheryl Pytlarz

To help yield a healthy harvest, it is important to place certain soil amendments **"in the hole"** at planting time for these various vegetables:



"IN THE HOLE" at planting	BLOOMMEAL	BONEMEAL	CHICKEN POOP/MANURE	COMPOST	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH	FERTILIZER	LIME (to adjust pH)	WORM CASTINGS	TOP MULCH w/COMPOST	Protect from cabbage worm using Diatomaceous Earth on soil around stem & cover thru mid-June.	Protect from larva with row cover until first harvest.
	ARTICHOKE	X			X	X		X	X	X	
BEETS							X				
BROCCOLI	X			X	X			X	X	X	
CABBAGE	X			X	X			X	X	X	
CANTELOPE	X							X			
CARROT	ASK SARAH KREMBSI										
CELERY			X					X	X		
CUCUMBER	X							X			
EGGPLANT		X						X	X		
KOHLRABI										X	
PEPPER		X	X					X			
RADISH											X
SPINACH							X				
SQUASH, WINTER	X							X			
TOMATO		X	X					X			
TURNIP											X

COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

Please note that the Garden Guidelines have been updated. In particular, please note the procedure for notifying gardeners whose plots appear to be neglected (which is clear and consistent with procedures used in other community gardens).

These revised guidelines can also be found on our GROW! website. [CLICK HERE](#)

GROW! Community Gardeners of Manitowish Waters, Inc. (GROW! CG) exists to serve a need for those residents that relish the joy of gardening. To ensure everyone has a common understanding of how our garden operates and what is expected of gardeners and visitors to the garden, we've developed the following **GARDEN GUIDELINES**:

1. Annual garden plot fees. Annual garden plot fees must be paid in full before October 15. Following that date, all unpaid/reserved plots will be released to community residents on the Waiting List. You have first-right to your plot from the previous year. Each gardener must complete and submit a "Release of All Claims" form before any work in the garden can begin. Once assigned a plot, cultivating and planting must start by June 15.

2. No unaccompanied children or visitors. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the Garden when accompanied by a Plot holder. Children should be supervised at all times. The plot holder bears responsibility for the behavior of their guests.

3. Gardens must be well maintained at all times.

- a) Plots must be maintained throughout the year. In addition to keeping beds weed free, gardeners are responsible for removing weeds and grasses between weed barrier and base of garden bed.
- b) Do not dispose of weeds or diseased plants in or around the garden site. Please dispose of weeds at home.
- c) Garden beds are to be cleaned out at the end of the season. A dump trailer will be provided for disposal of plant material.

4. Weed control in a community garden. Remember, your weeds become your neighbors' weeds. Gardeners in violation of 3a (above) will be notified as follows:

- First warning - Email with two-week period to bring into compliance.
- Second warning - Follow-up email with one-week period to bring into compliance.

If not in compliance after second warning date expires and no response to emails has been received, plot will be considered abandoned, any crops will be collected for food pantry donation, and plot will be forfeited without refund. Any such gardeners may apply for a plot the following year.

5. Pack out trash. All non-organic refuse brought in must be removed by the gardener, including: plastic bottles, cans, bags, etc.

6. No chemicals. Materials that may be harmful to humans or the environment are not allowed within the garden. The application of chemical herbicides (weed killers) or fertilizers to any garden plot is prohibited.

7. No grass clippings. To prevent accidental introduction of Bermuda grass and other weeds, the use of grass clippings is not allowed within the garden.

8. Respect garden boundaries. Plots should not be allowed to expand into pathways or other plots. All plants, plant runners, vegetables, and stakes should be kept within the walled boundaries of each plot.

9. Do Not Plant List:

- Mint (invasive)
- Any type of tree or shrub
- Marijuana (even if legalized in the future)

Special note: Don't plant mint of *any kind* as it is highly invasive and will jump from your plot to your neighbors and beyond.

10. No Smoking. All areas within and surrounding the fenced Garden premises are established as a "smoke free" zone. Please do not dispose of cigarette butts in parking areas.

11. No dogs or pets allowed. Pets or other animals are not allowed within the Garden premises.

12. No parking along Airport Road.

13. No undesirable behavior. The use of illegal drugs or playing loud music within the garden is prohibited. The proper authorities will be immediately notified to handle and escort from the Garden premises any person(s) appearing to be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Loitering on Garden premises is not allowed.

14. Report vandalism. Vandalism and other damage within the garden should be reported to the Vilas County Sheriff's Department (715) 479-4441 and to the MW Community Garden Steering Committee at (262) 366-3718.

15. Not responsible for losses. Gardeners accept all risks related to participation within the community garden. Neither GROW! CG nor its Steering Committee are responsible for any loss, damage, costs, or injury suffered by gardeners or visitors associated with participation in GROW! CG.

16. Final decisions. All garden complaints should be in writing and emailed to GROW! CG Steering Committee at mwgarden18@gmail.com. The Steering Committee reserves the right to render a final decision concerning any dispute related to the Community Garden, community garden rules and/or garden participation.

Your compliance with the above guidelines will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden experience.

Your Steering Committee