

Let's put the "Community" in Community Garden!

We would love to have a shaded bench for resting and a place to post important news. A Little Free Library would also be a great addition to our garden. If you have skills, time, or supplies that you can donate to any of these projects, please call **248-437-8800 ext. 617** or email pquackenbush@lyon.lib.mi.us.

The garden has two communal plots to grow food to donate to Active Faith. All gardeners are encouraged to help maintain those plots and deliver vegetables to Active Faith.



Planting Guidelines

April 25—May 25

Plant seeds of peas, lettuce, spinach, kale, Chinese greens, sweet peas, radish, beets, carrots, potatoes.

Transplant onions, leeks, cabbage, broccoli, Chinese greens, lettuce, kale.

May 25 onward:

Plant seeds of corn, beans, squash, melons, cucumbers, sunflowers.

Transplant: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes, basil, marigolds, snapdragons, salvia, begonias, impatiens, coleus, geraniums, petunias.

Plant early at your own risk. Lyon Township is not responsible for damage due to frost, wind, wild animals, insects, etc.



The **Lyon Township Public Library** is located just down the road from the Lyon Township Community Garden.

If you are a gardener, or want to become one, please visit! We have an excellent collection of books and DVDs on all aspects of gardening and sustainable living and offer programs on gardening year round.

The library also houses the **LTPL Seed Library** and the **LTPL Demonstration Garden**. The Seed Library has open-pollinated seeds that can be saved from year to year. It is supported by seed donations from seed companies and local seed savers and all seeds are free!

We also lots of free handouts to get you ready for gardening. Our website is also full of information about gardening. Visit www.lyon.lib.mi.us and click on the **LTPL Grows!** tab.

The Lyon Township Public Library is located at
27005 S. Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178
(248) 437-8800

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday—Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (Sept-May) 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Lyon Township Community Garden



Provided and maintained by Lyon Township
and managed by the
Lyon Township Public Library

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The **Lyon Township Community Garden** is located in front of Abbey Park at Mill River, **28413 Abbey Ln, New Hudson, MI 48165**. It is sponsored by Lyon Township and the Lyon Township Library to provide a garden plot at no charge to Lyon Township residents with no place to garden, such as those in apartments, mobile home parks, or senior living.

A complete set of Community Garden Rules and Information are available at the library and online at <http://www.lyon.lib.mi.us/ltpl-grows/> (click on the Community Garden tab). Please contact Pam at the library with any questions or suggestions you have regarding the community garden: **248-437-8800 ext. 617** or **pquackenbush@lyon.lib.mi.us**.

Water is available in large containers on site after all danger of freezing has passed. You will need to provide your own watering cans to transport water from the containers to your garden plot. Conserve water and close the spigots when you are finished.

GETTING A PLOT IN THE LYON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN

Please contact the Lyon Township Public Library for availability of plots in the community garden: **248-437-8800 ext. 617** or **pquackenbush@lyon.lib.mi.us**. If no plots are available, you may ask to be put on the waiting list. **First time users will be allotted one plot.** If your plot is properly cared for the first season, you may ask to add a second plot the following season, if one is available.

You will be asked to sign a registration form and receive a copy of the garden rules. Those who keep their plots weed-free will be invited to pre-register in the fall for the upcoming year. There is a **limit of two plots per family or address**.

Priority is given to Lyon Township residents. Non-residents may ask to be put on a waiting list until May 31 when any remaining available plots will be offered to the general public.

Residents of the City of South Lyon can call Judy at 248-437-1735 to inquire about the South Lyon Community Garden.

GENERAL INFORMATION



The Lyon Township Community Garden is an organic garden. The **use of pesticides and herbicides is not permitted.** For more information on gardening organically, please visit the library.

Gardeners are expected to keep their plots neat and productive through removal of weeds and regular harvesting. Pathways must be kept clear for the safety of gardeners and mowers.

The Township will plow the garden as soon as weather permits. **You will be notified by email when the garden is ready**, and you may plant cold-hardy crops at any time after that. It is usually safe to plant tender plants like tomatoes after Memorial Day weekend. It is still possible to get frosts through the first week of June, however, so watch the forecasts and be prepared to cover your tender crops if forecasts predict temperatures in the low 30s. Please plant wisely and watch the weather forecasts.

Garden plots **must be planted by June 10** or they will be reassigned.

You may put up a short (under 4') fence around your garden to help deter animals. Use of **treated lumber is prohibited.** Fences must be kept weed-free and within the perimeter of the garden.



Parking on the grass around the garden is strictly prohibited. Gardeners and visitors must **park on the roadway**.

It is recommended that you bring a wagon or cart to transport your garden items. There is no trash pick-up at the garden. Any **trash and garden debris must be taken with you** when you leave.

Fall garden cleanup must be completed by **October 31**. This includes removing plant debris and seed-heads so they do not create more weeds the following year. All fences, trellises, decorations, containers, etc. must be removed.

Biodegradable mulches such as compost, shredded leaves, straw, and fine wood mulch may remain in the garden over the winter.

