



**City of Minneapolis
Community Planning & Economic Development
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Community Gardens

A community garden is a permitted use in all zoning districts apart from the B4 Downtown Business District and the I3 General Industrial District, provided that the use complies with all other applicable provisions of the district in which it is located and all other applicable regulations of the zoning code. This document outlines the regulations that generally apply to community garden uses across all districts. A sample site plan is included for your reference. If you have specific questions about a proposed community garden please contact CPED-Planning-Zoning staff by contacting Minneapolis 311 (612-673-3000) or visiting the Minneapolis Development Review offices.

Specific development standards for Community garden.

- (1) Overhead lighting shall be prohibited.
- (2) Signage shall be limited to a single, non-illuminated, flat sign of four (4) square feet.
- (3) No more than two (2) vehicles shall be parked on-site, excluding those parked within an enclosed structure.
- (4) No retail sales shall be permitted, except as an approved temporary use, as specified in Chapter 535, Regulations of General Applicability (§536.20)

Raised Planting Beds:

- Unless the property is located in the R1 zoning district, all raised planting beds must be located a minimum of five (5) feet from a side or rear property line (six (6) feet in the R1 district).
- Planting beds in a front yard cannot exceed a height of three (3) feet.

Sheds:

- Sheds should be located in the rear 40 feet of the lot
- Located a minimum of 1 foot from the rear and side property line.
- Sheds that exceed 120 square feet in area require a building permit.

Compost Bins:

- Compost bins cannot be located closer than twenty (20) feet from any adjacent dwelling.
- Unless the property is located in the R1 zoning district, compost bins must be located a minimum of 5 feet from an interior side property line and 1 foot from a rear property line (6 feet from a side property line in the R1 district).
- Compost bins are subject to the maximum number, size and material requirements of Chapter 244 of the Housing Maintenance code.

Fences:

- All fences must meet the requirements of Chapter 535 Article VI of the Minneapolis zoning code. For detailed information about the fence regulations please visit: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/Fence_standards.pdf

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Sample Community Garden Site Plan

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