

Community gardens are productive, fun & lively places. Like many worthwhile activities they also take a measure of hard work and commitment. Please read over our guidelines to assure the health of our garden and our community.

If you have any additional comments or questions please let me know!

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Welcome ~ LaFarm is one of several sustainability initiatives at Lafayette College. We are part of the Sustainable Food Loop, and I look forward to learning and working with you as we grow our gardens!

Mission & Goals~ Your community garden has always been about growing great food in a healthy environment. Your interaction with nature and with the whole Lafayette Community is also paramount to your garden experience.

Strengthening this sense of community through a common goal of **Stewardship & Cooperation** is something that gardening can do, naturally. As members of this community we agree to steward the land, soil, food, water resources and plant biodiversity at Lafayette, in our gardens and beyond.

& of course there are the Veggies... This year I hope to reap and share the harvest of all of our garden efforts. Look for increased garden programming, student involvement, Veggie Van participation, and recipe and idea sharing as we all gather round the garden table at LaFarm.

LaFarm: is located adjacent to the Lafayette Athletic Fields, at the intersection of Sullivan Trail & American General Drive
Find us via GPS at map Coordinates
40.734356, -75.234446



LaFarm~

**The Lafayette
College Community
Garden
&
Working
Farm**

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Goals & Guidelines

Garden Plot Rental~

Garden plots are offered on a first-come first-served basis to staff, faculty and students in the Lafayette College Community. You can choose a Double, or Single plot. Each plot is priced accordingly and is rented for one growing season. If you are not staying in your same plot next year all materials, plant and otherwise, must be taken out of your plot by the end of the season.

Grow Your Own~

LaFarm Community Garden & Working Farm is not 'certified organic' by the USDA, but we use similar organic guidelines. Please use organic, untreated seeds, soil/soilless potting mix, compost and amendments. This means no *Miracle-gro*, no unlabeled, or neon colored coated seeds, and no *Roundup* type products, just to name a few. For a full list of organically certified supplies see OMRI.org, The Organic Materials Review Institute. There are also great, non-product based ways to make a healthy garden; sustainable gardeners start with these efforts first.

Maintain Your Own~

All maintenance of your plot and the pathways in and around your plot are up to you, the grower. This includes mowing, harvesting, watering, planting and weeding your space and your outside/adjacent pathways.

The garden water is a gravity-fed rain water system built by Prof. Brandes' CE 351 Class. The water is a shared resource and is a privilege.

Maintain Your Own~ continued

Water resources can be tight if we are low on rain. All watering must be done with watering cans (no hoses, please) and should be done in the AM or at dusk. This will conserve water, keep down on pathogens and is best for the plants. Turn off all spigots and tightly close taps at all times. Alert the manager or David Brandes if you see leaks.

Hold Your Own~

Part of a healthy organic garden is what you put into it; the other part is how you manage it. Weeds make more weeds for you & everyone around you. Weeds also decrease air circulation & harbor pests, and therefore increase disease & critters. The fact is that gardening means weeding, but weeding means more time out in the fresh air doing what you love, right?! So keep up on your weeds - your veggies (*and your neighbors*) will thank you.

We hope you garden with your family as you wish. Kids are welcome in the garden, as long as they are with an adult. Pets are not allowed in the garden.

The college has graciously allowed us to use this space to build gardens and community. Be respectful of that; use the Metzgar Athletic Field entrance, park on the paved road that leads down to the garden and always close and lock gates and tool sheds when you leave. Please leave the garden site as good (or better ;) than you found it.

Hold Our Own~

In the effort to help us keep weeds at bay there is a 'cover crop clause' on all garden plots. Each plot will have a deposit for the year. If you cannot keep up with your garden let us know and we will use your deposit to till in your crops and provide a weed free cover crop. If your plot is unmanaged for a noticeable part of the season LaFarm will contact you and discuss the best timeframe to reclaim your plot. Prior to reclaiming LaFarm will deduct 5.00 of your deposit each time we have to mow nuisance weeds. If you do not use your deposit, it will go towards rental next year, or will be returned.

Sign-up Form

Sign up for:	Returning or New	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Garden Plot-40'x40'	R <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> N	80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Garden Plot- 40'x20'	R <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> N	45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crop Deposit (required)		30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Optional U-pick Share: <i>This u-pick garden option offers flowers, herbs and some veggies in season.</i>		25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Total: plot + 30.00 Deposit		_____

Name: _____

Campus Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Method of Payment:

☐ Check To: Lafayette

Memo: Metzgar Garden

☐ Cash

I have read the goals & guidelines. I agree to maintain my plot to organic standards and to follow rules and regulations established by the garden committee.

Signature _____

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Date