

# Healthy Yankton 2013 Community Garden Rules

Thank you for choosing the Healthy Yankton Community Garden area for your gardening adventure this growing season. We are happy to have you!

**Fees.** A seasonal fee of \$20 is required to reserve a garden plot (late-April, weather permitting, thru mid-October). With this fee you will receive one plot, approximately 12' x 18', water and pre-season tilling. Your fee and signed waiver are required to reserve a plot.

**Weed Control.** Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot and the dirt path north of their plot. You commit to make sure that the weeds in your plot and dirt path do not come to a head or flower.

**Availability of Plots.** Plots will be available as soon as possible, but usually by the end of April (weather permitting). You may begin to garden your plot after you have been notified that the garden has officially opened for the year. This will occur either by e-mail or signs posted in the kiosk at the garden.

**Garden Agreement.** As part of being a community gardener, you commit to maintaining your plot for the entire growing season. This means if you clean up early, August for example, you are still responsible for your plot through garden closing in October. Excessive weeds may forfeit your plot for the current season. Post season clean-up of your plot is required. Plots must be left as found, with black dirt only. It will be left to the discretion of the Healthy Yankton group to ban a gardener for up to three years if they do not follow the rules in this agreement.

**Garden Signs.** The white signs that mark plot numbers must be left standing in the garden. Signs may not be removed or stored during the garden season.

**Trash Removal.** Anything you bring into the garden sites, you will need to carry out. If you use inorganic weed control (such as landscape fabric) you are responsible for maintaining its appearance. Please secure it to prevent it from flapping in the wind or flying away (no metal stakes are allowed). The same goes for milk jugs and other plant supports. ALL materials must be removed from the garden at the end of the season. Failing to remove materials will forfeit your plot for the next three years.

**Garden Days.** Keep garden activities to daylight hours. The gardens are officially closed from dusk until dawn. All other city park rules apply.

**Water.** Water is available in the various spigots provided. Water conservation is required. Water is meant only for garden plants. No unattended watering is allowed.

**Neighborliness.** Be considerate. Do not plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Tall corn or vine crops must be planted in the center of your plot. Do not pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission. Please do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellants that will in any way affect other plots.

**Acts of Nature.** Unfortunately, Healthy Yankton cannot be responsible for acts of nature. Refunds cannot be given or reimbursement made due to acts of nature.

**Pets.** No pets allowed.

**Children.** Children are welcome in the gardens under the supervision of an adult.

**Prohibitions.** Perennial plants, trees, building materials and carpet are not allowed in the community garden.

**Contact Information.** If you need additional information, please refer to the [www.healthyyankton.org](http://www.healthyyankton.org) website or e-mail the Healthy Yankton group at [healthyyankton@gmail.com](mailto:healthyyankton@gmail.com).

The City of Yankton and the Healthy Yankton group are NOT responsible for accidents.

I understand that neither the garden group, The City of Yankton, nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Healthy Yankton Group, The City of Yankton, and the owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Plot Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_