

How Can I Get Involved?

- Volunteer your time to help with one of our work days
- Volunteer to help weed and maintain the gardens
- Sign up for a garden plot
- Join the Creston Community Garden Committee
- Make a tax-deductible financial contribution
- Share your gardening expertise as a garden mentor
- Offer to teach a class or workshop
- Write for our Newsletter
- Help us harvest food from our community garden beds to be donated to Creston food pantries and Community Meals

Contact Information

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<http://crestoncommunitygardens.org/>

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FACEBOOK

Creston Community Gardens (Club)

Beginnings

Creston Community Gardens (CCG) is made possible through ongoing partnerships with Communities of Shalom, GR Metro Ministry, UM Vital Ministries, Plainfield United Methodist Church, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Creston Neighborhood Association, Creston Christian Reformed Church, and Creston LDHALP (Carrier Crest Apts.)



Community Support

Creston Community Gardens has received generous support from many Creston residents, non-profits and businesses. To name a few: Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, New Development Corporation, Christian Reformed Denomination, Living Green in Creston, Home Repair Services, Catherine's Health Center, New City Neighbors, North End Community Ministries, IB Compost, Creston High School Students, Calvin College and Davenport University Students, and the Very Special Arts

Creston Community Gardens

Our Vision

To provide residents and friends of the Creston neighborhood with access to a green space to build community, and grow fresh, organic, vegetables, fruits, and flowers close to home.

To provide gardeners in wheelchairs and those with developmental, or other, disabilities access to community gardening through providing modified garden beds and tools, level concrete pathways, and education and support.

✿ Gardening Details ✿

We provide you with:

- nutrient rich soil and compost
- a wood frame around your plot
- modified garden beds for people with disabilities, and those in wheelchairs
- water
- access to a community garden tool shed and tools
- gardening classes and workshops
- garden coordinators, mentors, and a gardening community

Gardeners provide: personal gardening tools, organic soil amendments, seeds, elbow grease, enthusiasm, and a willingness to expand and share your gardening knowledge.

✿ Plot Applications ✿

Plot applications are available at the Creston Neighborhood Association or online at <http://crestoncommunitygardens.org/registration>

The rental cost for a garden plot is \$20 (+10 deposit) for a 10x10 ft. plot. There are scholarships available. An additional garden plot, if available, is \$5.

The \$10 deposit will be refunded to you following the clean up of your plot. If you wish to reserve your plot for the next growing season we will roll your \$10 deposit to secure it for you in the new year.

✿ Locations ✿

The **Carrier Street Garden** is sprouting behind the Carrier Crest Apartments, also home to the Creston Neighborhood Association.



The **Carmen Street Garden** is sprouting behind the Creston Christian Reformed Church's ministry building. Kitty corner from Plainfeild United Methodist Chruch.



✿ Community & Classes ✿

- ✿ Seed Party - Pick up some FREE seeds and share some of your own seeds with other gardeners
- ✿ Soil- A Recipe for Success
- ✿ Worms are our Friends! Learn how to build a compost bin and what to toss in
- ✿ Field trips to local farms and CSAs where you can meet West Michigan's farmers and friends
- ✿ Bugs, Grubs and fungi OH MY! Come and learn organic pest control methods!
- ✿ Best pickin's- when to harvest the goods!
- ✿ Canning, Freezing and Drying- Store some summer sunshine for the winter months
- ✿ Winter is Here! Learn how to protect your soil through the winter, plant cover crops, and help your garden hibernate

✿ Garden Mentors ✿

Have a gardening question? Need a gardening guide to show you some basics? We know some amazing gardeners who would love to help you out and share their gardening expertise with you!

- ✿ Carol at 616-453-6124
- ✿ Abram at 616-482-7553
- ✿ Barb at 616-942-5567
- ✿ Sarah at chartier.sarah@gmail.com