



Participation Agreement 2026

The Cable Community Farm's success relies heavily on the time and efforts of our many volunteers. To continue this success, gardeners are required to participate in scheduled work days, take on individual tasks or volunteer for committee work.

The Cable Community Farm's (CCF) Participation Agreement is reviewed annually and approved by the CCF Board of Directors. General guidelines include the following:

- Parking in parking lot only.
- Please report any repair or safety issues (leaks, insect infestations, unsafe conditions, etc.) to a Garden Committee member. (See Appendix A for contact information.)
- Please report any sign of theft or vandalism to Executive Director Cheyenne Reeves or Le Sedlacek.
- Please close and latch gates upon exiting.
- All trash is to be removed by individuals as CCF has no trash service. Diseased plants are to be taken to the diseased compost bin.
- Young children are welcome at the garden with the appropriate supervision.
- Please respect other gardeners plots by staying on the garden paths. Don't walk into, pull a cart through or harvest produce in someone's plot without their permission.
- Smoking is prohibited on the CCF grounds.
- Pets may not enter the fenced area but may be on other parts of the property. Please be sure to remove any pet waste when you leave.

CCF Tools

- Gardeners may use tools and supplies stored in the shed or hoop house. Please return to storage when finished.
- Garden carts and wheel barrows should be returned to the designated space and tipped up to avoid collecting rain water.
- Sections of pig iron and metal stakes are available for individual use. At the start of the season, 2 are allocated for large plots and 1 is allocated for small plots. A gardener may use more if they are available as the season progresses.
- Please do not modify tools, equipment or pig iron without speaking with a member of the Garden Committee.
- Tillers and other power equipment are available to use once the gardener has been instructed on the implement.
- If conflicts arise, the situation will be addressed by the Garden Committee.

Community Garden Spaces

The CCF emphasizes and practices sustainable agriculture. This style of gardening promotes gardening techniques that protect the environment, public health, human communities and animal welfare. This approach also emphasizes cooperation among the community gardeners - what you do to your plot will likely affect (either positively or negatively) your neighboring gardeners' plots.

Sustainable agriculture enables us to produce healthy food without compromising future generations ability to do the same. In support of this approach see Appendix B for approved garden products. If unsure if a specific product is allowed, check with the Garden Committee before application of the product.

The CCF is reserved for gardeners who reserve a plot for their personal use, have signed the signature page of this document and have also signed the liability waiver form.

CCF gardeners are welcome to bring visitors to the grounds - please follow the above General Guidelines. If a gardener chooses to have someone watch their plot because the gardener will be absent (vacation, emergency, etc.), the gardener should:

- Ensure that person is aware of the responsibilities described in these CCF guidelines and
- Have that person sign a liability waiver form and alert a member of the Garden Committee that another person will be overseeing their garden plot.

- Gardeners are to read and sign the CCF's agreement and liability waiver
- Individual plot sizes and yearly rental fees are as follows:
 - Outdoor Plots are 300 sf and 160 sf: Field #2- no fees for 2026; For Field #1 fees are \$50 for large plots and \$25 for small plots.
 - Fees for Raised Bed plots in Field #2 are \$25 for 2026.
 - Hoop House: The Vego raised beds for 2026 are \$30 for a returning bed and \$20 for a new bed.
- A Gardener may reserve more than one garden plot as space allows after March 31st if no one is on the waiting list.
- If a reserved plot does not show evidence of activity such as preparing the soil for planting and growing crops, harvesting ripe produce or removing weeds and no communication has been made to the Garden Committee, a member of the Committee will contact the gardener as to their plans to see if the situation can be resolved, allowing one week for resolution. If the plot remains untended it may be declared abandoned. It might be allocated to another gardener. When a lot is declared abandoned the Garden Committee will remove any temporary structures and cover the plot to avoid weed propagation. Tilling the existing vegetation may be necessary.

Garden Plots

Garden plots have had their corners marked with pipes in the ground. Wooden stakes may be placed to use as hose guards but these are NOT the plot boundary. The pipes define the pathways for mowing.

- Trenches are allowed as an appropriate method to hinder weed encroachment from the walking paths into a garden plot.
 - If used, the gardener must take measures to clearly define or highlight the trench edge by putting in some type of mulch so the mowers can mow the edges of the plot.
 - Rigid plastic edging is acceptable as long as it can be mowed over.
- Careful consideration is to be given to placement of any permanent structure. Permanent relates to anything that is difficult to remove. Tall plants or structures that could shade an adjacent plot could be problematic and should be discussed with the Garden Committee before proceeding.
- Each gardener is responsible for their own garden plot preparation.
 - If a gardener would like to use the power equipment at the farm, they must participate in training on that piece of equipment.

- Contact a Garden Committee member to inquire about the use of power equipment.
- If the plot is going to be tilled, exposed rocks should be removed from the plot before tilling to avoid damage to the tiller.

Maintenance

- Gardeners are expected to take regular and reasonable measures to keep their plots free of diseases, pests and excessive weeds so these do not spread to other plots. These measures include choosing disease-resistant plant varieties, removing diseased plant materials promptly, keeping plots weeded, and using approved pest and pathogen controls.
- Invasive and hard to eradicate plants such as Jerusalem Artichoke/Sunchoke should not be planted even in containers.
- Garden paths are to be kept clean and free of obstacles. Garden plots are assigned pathways to level and remove rocks from the path so walking is safer and carts can be pulled more easily. Over time, the pathways will be planted to grass and will be mowed.
- Garden operating hours are between 5:00 a.m. and dark to respect the neighbors. Please avoid motorized equipment noise (e.g., tillers, mowers, etc.) during the early morning and late evening hours.
- Gardeners are responsible to monitor all their plants for pests such as the Colorado Potato Beetle and dispose of those pests so they do not infect other garden plots. Questions related to potato beetles may be directed to any of the Garden Advisers (i.e. What the insect looks like, preventative treatment, disposal of plants.)
- Rock management is an ongoing process. As the garden is being established, placement of rocks will be in different locations. A rock pile on the west property line has been established and rocks may also be placed there.

Food Donation

One of the missions of the CCF is to donate produce to the community at large or provide produce to sell at the local farmers market currently held each Saturday at the lot next to Rocky's Service Station. We use the "Add-A-Row" concept where the gardener grows a row of a chosen vegetable for the purpose of food donation. Please contact Deb Nelson or Cheyanne Reeves as you have produce for the Farmer's Market. Carefully cleaned produce may also be left at the United Church of

Christ Church's Free Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall. Produce may be placed in the Pantry's refrigerator. Use the entry on the east side of the building. Address for the UCC is 13445 Cty Hwy M, Cable, WI.

Garden Advisors

Garden Advisors are Master Gardeners or experienced gardeners who have agreed to share their knowledge with others. A list of Garden Advisors will be in the shed with their contact information.

Watering

- For 2026 please keep water off the paths to prevent mud. Please remain on site to monitor watering.
- Any problems with water supply or water equipment should be reported to the Garden Committee.
- Soaker hoses and drip systems are allowed in plots and beds.

Compost Collection

- Sod clumps are to be taken outside the fenced area on the north end. Please leave as much soil as possible in your plot. It makes the compost pile heavier to manage when added to the compost pile.
- There is composted manure available for shared use. This is in a pile by the north end of the hoop house and in the center of the main area by Field #2.

End of Season

All woody plant remains must be removed from your garden site in preparation for the following year. Woody plants need to be chipped before being placed in the compost bin. Contact a member of the Garden Committee for instructions on running the chipper.

Appendix A
CCF Contact Information

Executive Director

Cheyenne Reeves: cablecommunityfarmwi@gmail.com Cell: 715-539-6287

Board of Directors

Le Sedlacek, President:	LeSedlacek@yahoo.com	Cell: 608-385-2595
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Garden Committee

This year the Infrastructure Committee is serving as the Garden Committee.

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Power Equipment Training: Contact Terry Dahmen to arrange: 608-797-5440

Appendix B
Garden Products

<u>Approved Garden Products In Your Plot</u>	<u>Non-allowed Garden Products</u>
<p>Bone meal Blood meal Fish emulsion Worm castings Composted manure Kelp, Green Sand, Alfalfa, sea solids Natural mulches-including wood chips, sawdust & straw Any product that has the "USDA Organic" label Cardboard (remove tape and staples) Newspaper (no glossy paper) Rigid plastic edging around plot if it can be mowed over. If bringing plants from home-remove grass and soil to prevent introducing invasive plants (quack grass, creeping charlie, etc) or jumping worms. Rapidly growing plants like sweet grass or mint are discouraged. If planted, use in-ground containers.</p>	<p>Products with glyphosate (i.e., Roundup) Products with neonicotinoids (i.e., many Ortho products) These kill bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. Treated lumber Non-natural mulches (i.e., rubber, colored wood chips, magazines or glossy paper) Landscape fabric- they leach microplastics</p>

Appendix C

Compost Materials

Listed below are items may and may not be added to garden composting sites. Active composting will take place outside of the fenced area so as not to attract rodents.

<u>Allowed Compost Materials</u>	<u>Non-Allowed Compost Materials</u>
Fruit and fruit scraps Vegetables and vegetable scraps Coffee grounds (and filters) Eggshells Flowers and stems Grass clippings- with no pesticide or herbicide applied Chopped leaves Disease-free garden debris Chicken manure and bedding Saw dust if not treated and if not from pine, oak or walnut trees. Shredded cardboard-with plastic removed	Diseased garden materials (plants and produce)—please discard of these materials offsite. Dairy products Meat products (including bones and scraps) Sticks or woody material-these will go in an area set aside for chipping. Pine needles or other acidic woods. Pet waste Human waste Synthetic materials No oak or walnut material due to their herbicidal qualities.

Signature Page

I have read and agree to abide by the CCF Participant Agreement. I understand that failure to abide by these guidelines may result in forfeiture of my CCF land use privileges. I understand that the CCF Board reserves the right to disallow any person, invasive plant or insect species or animal on the premises if the CCF Board determines that it is not in the best interest of the CCF or other farm participants.

Printed Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Second Adult Printed Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

For Minors or Other Participant Without Legal Capacity:

Name of Minor:	
Printed name of legal guardian:	
Signature of legal guardian:	
Date:	

Form revised: February 2026