

LAZARUS GARDEN INFORMATION

Mission

The Lazarus Garden has a twofold mission: to provide the local community a place to grow its own food and to help feed local hungry families through fresh produce donations to the Delaware Township Food Pantry – Hamilton County.

Location

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E 126th Street, Fishers, IN
The garden is located just off the rear parking lot.

When is the garden open?

Generally April 15 to October 31. Daily from dawn to dusk.

Plot Types

8ft X 14ft ground beds and 4ft X 8ft raised beds.

Amenities

Convenient parking; pea gravel and wood mulch walk ways; convenient water supply with hoses and nozzles; produce cleaning station; two picnic tables; dumpster for weeds and trash; a pollinator flower garden and bee hives maintained by professional beekeepers. Wheelbarrows and carts available outside the north storage barn.

Plot Cost

Community plots are at no cost. Donating a portion of your harvest to help feed the food-insecure is expected.

Pantry Food Delivery

Provided weekly. Gardeners place harvest in bins on back portico of church. Produce is then transported to the Delaware Township Food Pantry. All produce should be placed in paper bags to help ensure freshness and ease of delivery. (Exact dates and times of pick up will be available early in the season.)

Plot Donations

Gardeners provide approximately 1000 lbs of fresh produce seasonally.

Plot Maintenance

Gardeners are responsible for their own plot(s) maintenance and the surrounding walkways which need routine weeding to help prevent weed-spread throughout the garden area. Gardeners must provide their own tools, fencing, cages, etc.

Gardening Assistance

Hamilton County Master Gardeners can be accessed for advice if needed via this email address: hamiltongardenline@gmail.com.

Fertilizing and Weed Control

Each gardener may plant and grow produce at their desire. A list of preferred produce for the local food pantry is available upon request. Growing techniques such as fertilizer use, mulching, weed control are up to each gardener, but organic products and methods are **strongly** preferred in consideration of other gardeners' nearby plots.

Prohibited

Pets. Leaving pulled weeds, deadheaded flowers or produce stems on paths or grounds. Do not discard such in the tree line to the east of the garden or in compost bins. The church dumpster is free and accessible for all unwanted debris. Items such as buckets, stakes and wheelbarrows near the shed on the south side of the garden is property of Hamilton County Master Gardeners and should not be utilized without permission.

Work Sessions

A few, periodic *group* work sessions are announced in advanced and gardeners are encouraged to participate. These usually last for 2-3 hours and are required to keep the garden grounds maintained.

Communications

E-mails are sent during pre-season, in-season and post-season to all gardeners to keep them informed of any important garden updates.

Plot Availability

Plots are reserved annually via the Lazarus Garden portal on the church's web site. The portal is activated around Feb. 1. Reservation will need to be made before March 31 if you want the opportunity to keep the same garden beds from the previous year (2025). The beds will be assigned and marked by April 15 at the latest.

Contact and Sign up

Reservations can be made directly on the church website at christthesavior.org, go to "serve" then scroll down to "Lazarus Garden". Call the church office at 317-842-5649 with questions.

