

## Community

While we are a community garden, all gardeners own the produce they grow. Our garden community consists of City of Big Rapids residents, as well as Ferris State University Students.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome volunteers throughout the garden season in opportunities that begin in April. Our past garden volunteer groups have been Girl Scout troops, Ferris State University students, Registered Student Organizations, and community volunteers.

If you, or your community organization, would like to volunteer with the Big Rapids Community Garden, we will send a list of volunteer dates or arrange a time that works for your organization.

Please contact us at:

[info@BigRapidsCommunityGarden.org](mailto:info@BigRapidsCommunityGarden.org)

## BIG RAPIDS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Big Rapids Community Garden offers on-line registration:

[www.BigRapidsCommunityGarden.org](http://www.BigRapidsCommunityGarden.org)

**Rental fees per season:**

**\$25 for 4 ft. x 12 ft. Garden bed**

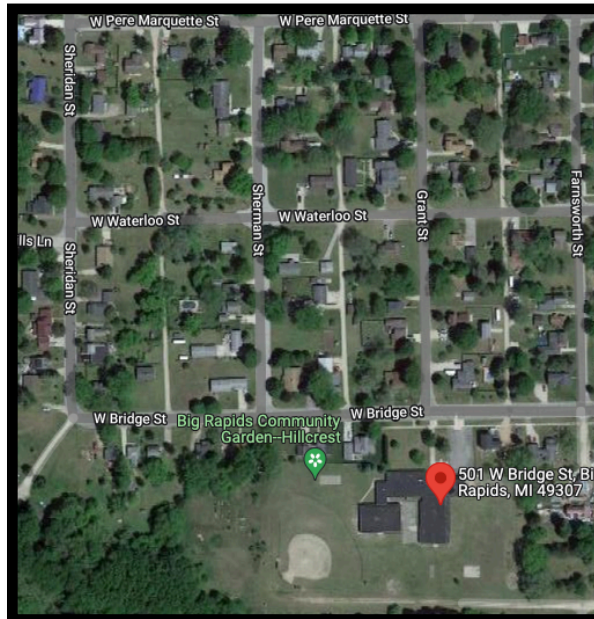
**\$10 for 4 ft. x 4ft Garden bed**

**LOCATION:**

**Back lot of 501 W. Bridge Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307**

**Behind the former Hillcrest School grounds.**

**Green button for the Big Rapids Community Garden.**



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# Come grow with us!

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## Gardeners grow their own food.

Each gardener rents their garden bed for the entire gardening season and owns all the produce in their garden bed.

## Gardening season: April-October 31

Gardeners can begin planting as soon as the ground can be worked, but this is usually in the middle of April. We close out the garden Oct. 31.



## Raised Bed Gardening

Gardeners produce about 2 pounds of produce from each square foot of garden bed, with some producing 3 pounds of food per square foot. That's 96-144 pounds of produce from one garden bed in a single season in a large garden bed! A small garden bed can grow 32-48 pounds of produce per garden bed.

Raised garden beds allow the gardeners to control the types of soil they use, conserve moisture, and produce large yields each season.

Garden beds are reserved based on registration.

## COMMON GROUND

Sections of the garden marked "Common Ground" for registered gardeners to plant extra plants or produce to share with gardeners members.

## Donations

We accept donations through e-mail contact: garden tools, fencing, and financial donations for supplies or scholarship.



## Gardening Supplies Provided

Once a gardener registers and pays for their garden plot, they will have access to garden tools in the garden shed at the plot.

The City of Big Rapids also provides compost for Garden Members to amend the soil in their garden bed and wood chips for mulch.

Seeds can be found at the Big Rapids Community Library Seed Catalog for members with a library card.