

The Garden Club of Evanston Shakespeare Garden Wedding Policies

A fee of \$350.00 is requested for the use of the garden for a wedding service. (A \$250.00 fee is requested for the use of the garden for photos only.) The fee is not refundable. Your check made out to the "Garden Club of Evanston" will be acknowledged by e-mail or postal service, and at that time your date will be entered on our calendar. We also request that after the event, for our archive, you send two digital photos of your wedding to the address below.

Since we usually schedule only one wedding a day, you will have ample time for photographs, etc. Although the garden will accommodate up to 65 people, we have found that 50 or fewer guests is a more comfortable number. Folding chairs are not permitted, with the exception of the few that may be needed for older guests who are unable to stand for any length of time. Chairs for musicians are both necessary and permissible.

Music adds to the ambience of the garden setting, e.g. a solo flute, harp or guitar. The School of Music at Northwestern University has a list of graduate students available for such an occasion; the number of the school placement office is (847) 491-7485.

No food or drink is permitted. There are also no restrooms at the Garden. On most Saturdays, restrooms are open at The Technological Institute, 2145 Sheridan Road.

As an alternate site in case of rain, we suggest Howes Memorial Chapel (seating capacity: 45), immediately adjacent to Shakespeare Garden. The fee is \$300.00 and arrangements can be made by calling Barbara Adams at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (847-866-3939).

The address of Shakespeare Garden is 2121 Sheridan Road. Walk east on Garrett Place from Sheridan Road and follow the path east of the chapel all the way north to the end where you will find the garden. You can park on nearby streets. On weekends and in the evening, you can park in University parking lots that are "Permit Only".

A Garden Club member will come to the garden before the wedding to ensure that it is in order and looking its best. We look forward to sharing our garden with you on this very special day in your life, and will do all we can to make it a beautiful setting for your wedding and/or photographs.

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