

Community Garden By-Laws

The community garden is located below the city cemetery off of Mustard Street. It is open for all local residents desiring to become members with spots given out on a first come, first serve basis. We are endeavoring to have a separation between plots for those wanting to use chemical pesticides and those wanting to garden organically.

Garden Plot applicants must be at least 18 years old.

The fee for the use of the garden is \$35.00 per plot per year, due upon registration and runs until December 2015. There are no refunds.

A garden plot is 20 x 20 feet. Plots shall not expand beyond this measurement, into paths or other plots. All plants shall remain in the confines of the established garden plot.

The plots shall be kept free of weeds, pests and diseases.

Plots, abutting paths and surrounding areas shall be kept clean and neat. Plot renter shall maintain all paths adjacent to their plot, including weeding, as well as disposing of trash, rocks, and debris. Trash must be removed and placed in personal trash receptacles. (No onsite garbage is available).

No illegal plantings allowed.

There is no smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs or gambling allowed in the garden. Gardening under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is not allowed.

Weapons such as guns are not allowed in the garden area.

No pets or other animals are allowed in the garden area.

Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if accompanied by an individual that rents a plot. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions pertaining to the Community Garden.

Children shall be supervised by an adult at all times when they are in the garden.

General watering shall be done by the water master. If additional water is needed for a garden plot, gardener shall submit a request for additional water to the water master. The Water Master and Garden Committee shall review and make a determination to approve, approve with conditions or deny additional water usage. Watering shall occur between 10 am and 6 pm.

Fall cleanup is mandatory for all gardeners. All gardens must be cleaned by October 31st. Any materials left in your garden plot will be discarded after this date.

Pesticides shall only be applied to personal plots.

Produce shall be harvested in a timely manner.

Food or plants shall not be removed from any other gardeners' plots.

Profane language or mistreatment of other garden users shall not be allowed.

Each gardener shall work to make the garden a secure, happy and enjoyable place where all can garden and socialize in a peaceful neighborly manner.

Garden plots that are not planted or are uncared for may be reassigned without a refund.

Garden fees shall go towards the cost of water, advertising of Community Garden and general gardening necessities to meet the needs of a successful community garden, all of which shall be voted on by the board.

If the garden use fee does not cover the total expenditures for the current year the members agree to accept additional expenses. The overage will be divided equally and billed to members.