

## Welcome to the Garden!

*Trustees community gardens are open for use and visitation daily, dawn to dusk. Gardens are closed from dusk to dawn. Garden organized programs and/or events may take place during night time hours with advance notification and approval by The Trustees. Here are some rules for all our gardens, your garden may have additional rules.*

### The Garden:

- Always treat fellow gardeners with respect and kindness.** Conflicts in the garden may be cause for written warnings, suspension, or removal from the garden and loss of all privileges.
- Some of our gardens may be gated, locked, or otherwise restricted in use to garden members.** Open areas (not fenced or gated) are open to all from sunrise to sunset. These gardens are not open to the public, though visitation by non-members is allowed during programs, events, and garden socials hosted by The Trustees or the individual garden.
- No pets, only service animals, allowed in community gardens.** Emotional support animals are not allowed without prior written Trustees approval.
- Children, 14 years and under,** must be accompanied and supervised by an adult gardener.
- Stay out of other garden plots unless you have consent from the gardener.** Do not harvest produce, remove items, damage, or otherwise negatively affect the plots of fellow gardeners.
- Smoking, drinking, drugs, and weapons are prohibited.** Alcoholic beverages are allowed by adults (over 21 years) during parties, programs, and events with prior consent and approval of The Trustees.
- Open fires are prohibited.** Use of gas and charcoal grills is allowed with prior consent and approval of The Trustees. Propane must be stored in a shed when not in use.
- Please wipe down common tools and equipment** before being returned to the shed.
- Water should only be used for gardening purposes,** by members of the garden.

*If you are unable to keep up with your garden plot or your commitment to the garden's shared responsibilities, please notify your coordinator. Failure to do so may be seen as abandonment of your plot and loss of your garden.*

### Your Plot -

- Garden plots are allotted annually.** Gardeners at the end of the season have the option to return to their plot by following the spring signup as outlined by your garden.
- All plots must have signs of being planted by June 1<sup>st</sup>** unless your garden has set an earlier planting date.
- **Pesticide, chemical fertilizer, and biosolid (organic material recycled from sewage) compost use is prohibited.** Natural fertilizers and pest controls are allowed.

- **Trellising, stakes, arbors, and/or other garden supports should not exceed** a height agreed upon by the garden at the beginning of the season. Under no circumstances shall a structure be placed so that it shades an adjacent plot. Unpainted wood, metal and organic degradable materials are allowed. All other materials and structure must be approved in advance by your garden coordinator(s). Plastics, painted and/or treated wood, plywood, and any item with peeling paint is not allowed. All trellising, stakes, arbors and/or supports must be dismantled and stored at the end of season. Materials should be stored in the garden shed, or at home. If an individual gardener leaves, they must remove any structures they have installed.
- **Low seasonal critter control fencing is permitted.**
- **Degrading sheet plastics, Styrofoam and rigid insulation foam, plastic turf, and carpet remnants are prohibited.**
- **No rain barrels in individual plots.** Rain barrels are allowed if connected to a shed, gazebo or sun shelter. Installation of rain barrels must be approved by The Trustees.
- **Plots should not be filled with soil or compost above the level of existing edging and/or plot dividers.** Soil must remain within individual plots
- **All plots must be cleared of plant wastes, weeds, and spoiled produce by 11/30** unless your garden sets an earlier date. Standing annual vegetation, stalks, vines, and fruits must be removed. Taller plants should be cut into 4" -6" pieces before being put in compost or yard waste bags. With proper management annual greens, herbs, perennials, and bulbs may remain in place. Season extension is allowed if approved by coordinator(s) and actively monitored and managed.
- Removal of materials is the responsibility of the gardener.** Material should be removed from the garden or composted on site. Plant waste should not be bagged in plastic or stored in garden plots. PACK IN - PACK OUT.
- Installation of gravel pathways in plot is prohibited.
- Trees, shrubs, cane fruit, and perennial vines are restricted to common areas or designated plots.** New perennial and woody plantings should be approved in advance by The Trustees.
- Pathways, sidewalks, and common plantings should be maintained weed and debris free** by gardeners in adjacent plots or during garden organized work days. Harvesting of communal plants and plantings should be managed in the same manner.
- Garden dues should be paid by 6/1**
- Trustees staff and garden coordinators can provide written warnings to gardeners who do not follow the above rules.**

<p><i>Failure to follow these rules may result in suspension of garden privileges or removal from Trustees community gardens.</i></p>
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