

**COMMUNITY GARDENS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
January 15, 2021**

**Reminder about Social Distancing-Please stay 6' from each other.**

**Be Smart about Covid-19. It is REAL.**

**We do not want to lose the privilege of gardening in the County  
Community Gardens! Failure to follow Covid-19 mandated guidelines  
could result in expulsion.**

**Thanks.**

- **Please note due to heavy demand, new gardeners or existing gardeners that request an available plot are limited to one (1) plot total.**
  
- **Gardeners' Responsibilities**
- **Respect your fellow gardeners.** Safety First. Be Polite to each other. Abusive behavior toward others, stealing produce, vandalism, etc. will result in expulsion from the Garden.
- Gardeners are responsible for upkeep of everything inside of fence-includes weed control, and the adjacent pathways' maintenance. This means keeping your paths weed-free. Excludes any structural repairs like broken water line, County owned fence repair, etc.
  
- Make sure you lock the gate and turn the water off. This includes shutting off at your hose valve please. The water bill Park and Rec pays for all the 21 Community Gardens is not inexpensive. First step in chaos is when the gate is left open!
  
- Water is shut down for the winter and reactivated in the spring. Usually November shut-off, April turn-on.
  
- No ornamental trees or shrubs are to be planted within your garden. If any question, please ask the Garden Captain to contact Park and Recreation. Fruit shrubbery like blueberries, raspberries are approved for planting.
  
- Gardeners are allowed to install their own fencing provided the posts are not installed using concrete. Upon decision to leave gardening at the Community Garden, fencing and other materials must be completely removed.

- Gardeners are responsible for spring and fall clean-up of their Community Garden.
- Gardeners are solely responsible for providing their own plants and fertilizers.
- Pesticides/Herbicides-You must clear with Park and Recreation before using any herbicides, fungicides, etc. You have gardens, gardeners, birds, pollinators, etc. in close proximity. It does not take long to weed if you stay on it. Respect the overall look of the Community Garden.
- Trash In-Trash Out. Please take out your debris off-site. If you have so much this is “impossible” have the Garden Captain contact Park and Rec for removal after you bag it up.
- Composting. No open composting either inside or outside the fence. Open composting encourages mice, rats, and other undesirables. Compost bins have to be above ground with the ability to close tightly.
- Garden Produce cannot be used for commercial use. You cannot grow for selling.
- PROHIBITED: Smoking/Vaping/Alcohol/Drugs.
- Children Under 16 must have adult supervision at all times.
- No pets allowed except service dogs or other bonafide therapeutic animals. Please clean up after your service dog debris-bag it and remove off site.

- **Cleanliness:** If a garden is deemed excessively weedy, the Garden Captain or Park and Recreation will inform that gardener and give them two (2) weeks to repair. If by that time the garden plot is still unkempt, the gardener may have their privilege in the Community Garden revoked. If you plan to be away for any length of time, you still need to comply with this rule. See picture below- not a good look 😊



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- If it is approved by Park and Recreation-Fellow Gardeners can collect their own money for purchases.
- Complaints/issues go the Garden Captain first. Chain of command then if needed is for the Garden Captain to then consult with Park and Recreation for a final decision.

Violations of any of these rules can result in revocation of garden plot(s).

### **Park and Recreation Responsibilities:**

- Provide Water, Compost, Mulch.
- Water will be turned on early April and turned off beginning November 1 each year. Please be judicious as the total water bill for the 20 Community Gardens is high.
- Compost and Mulch one time a year. Enough Compost Central Compost will be provided to spread at 1" depth. For Compost Central double hammered mulch-enough to spread at 2" depth. Park and Rec staff cannot be recruited to deliver any other type of compost or amendment.
- Will maintain the outer fence and the weeds at base of fence line. Weeds in the pathways- if exceedingly weedy (should not be) Park and Recreation via the Garden Captain's request, will come out and spray using an organic Herbicide.
- For those Community Gardens that have no tool shed, Park and Recreation may provide a tool box only to store your tools. Construction trash bags will be provided for "Trash Out." You are welcome to provide paper trash bags.
- Crushed concrete for pathways will be provided per request. It will be the Gardeners' responsibility to install.
- Park and Recreation will do no tilling or other plots' preparation.
- Park and Recreation will not provide any plants or seeds.

### **Garden Captain's Responsibilities:**

- Garden Captains to arrange and lead a spring and fall clean-up of whole of area inside of fence.
- Garden Captains to be "First Responder" for complaints/issues. The GC will copy any e-mails to P and R representative.
- Garden Captains to inform plot owner if their plot(s) is excessively weedy and give two (2) weeks' notice to owner to repair. Copy P and R on any e-mails.
- Have a good time and thank you for your leadership!