



Eagle Ridge Community Garden 2017 Usage Guidelines

| <u>Rules</u> | <u>Health, Safety, and Common Courtesies</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your garden neatly from May 1st through October 31st • Weed control on pathways and common work areas belongs to everyone. Please maintain the paths around your bed, pulling weeds or adding wood chips as needed. • When plots are unattended (overgrown, weed-infested, or not harvested) for more than 3 weeks, gardeners must contact the Parks and Recreation Department to determine if help is needed. Failure to contact us will result in reassignment of the bed. Fees will not be refunded. • Do not use non-organic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. Please contact a garden representative if you have questions about what you may or may not use in your plot. • Rapidly spreading plants such as mint, lemon balm, and cane fruits (blackberries, raspberries) are not to be planted in beds. Prune strawberries to keep shoots from spreading outside of the beds. • Be considerate of your neighboring gardeners when planting tall crops, and avoid shading other beds. • Garden weeds and other plant waste should be placed in the compost area provided by the garden. • Temporary structures for height or hothouse plants are allowed and must be removed post-harvest (by October 31st) • Tires are not allowed on site (e.g., planters). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick only crops from your own plot. • Produce from your plot may not be sold. • Excess food can be shared with neighbors, food pantries, shelters, etc. Special flags are available to place in your bed if you will be gone, and wish to donate any ripe produce to local food banks or similar organizations. During the harvest season, volunteers will collect flagged produce from all plots to be donated to local food banks. • Conserve water and remember to turn off the hoses and replace them when you are done using them. • Keep trash and litter out of the garden and dispose at home. • Contribute to keeping the garden space safe - i.e. replace tools and coil hoses when you are done. Please remember to lock the gates and the tool shed. • Children are welcome at the garden, but please supervise them at all times while you are in the garden. • Smoking and loud noises (e.g., radios without headphones) are prohibited at the garden. • The Port-A-Potty is for your convenience. Please be respectful of all who use it and keep it clean! |

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