

THE GOOD SEED COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS (DRAFT)

Applications

Gardeners desiring a garden plot in the Good Seed Community Garden must first fill out an application for a garden plot. When assigning locations, priority will be given to returning gardeners. Returning gardeners are allowed to retain their previous season's plot, when possible, or have top priority in requesting a new plot. To be assured of a plot, returning gardeners must submit a renewal application and pay the renewal fee no later than March 15th.

A renewal application will be sent only to a gardener who in the prior year has maintained his/her garden throughout the season, regularly harvested crops, cleaned the plot at the end of the season, and complied with these Rules and Regulations.

Gardening Courtesy

To assure a pleasant gardening experience for all gardeners, please refrain from smoking, using loud radios, and help keep the garden clean and clear of trash by adhering to the "pack in, pack out" rule with any garbage or litter.

Working Garden

A garden plot should be maintained, planted or mulched, and ripe food consistently harvested and should not be consistently weedy, untended or filled with debris.

What to grow

Vegetables, herbs, flowers and small fruit plants for home consumption and donation are appropriate. Produce may not be sold, but sharing produce is encouraged. Gardeners are encouraged to give a portion of produce harvested to neighbors in need or to any local food bank such as the LIFT-UP food pantry.

Organic Gardening

Please adhere to organic gardening techniques only. Only organic fertilizers, herbicides and pest control methods are to be used in the garden. Chemical pesticides and/or fertilizers are prohibited as well as herbicides and insecticides made from synthetic materials.

Water Availability

Water in the gardens is turned on by April 1 and shut-off by October 31.

Garbage Service

There is no garbage service at The Good Seed Gardens. Please keep trash and litter cleared from your plot and take it home for disposal.

Children in the Garden

Supervised children are welcome and encouraged to garden with their parents.

Dogs in Gardens

Dogs should be leashed, cleaned up after, and not allowed to run through the garden or go into other garden plots. Please be mindful that your pet is not crushing other gardener's plants or urinating on their produce.

Annual Registration

Plots are not transferable without the permission of *The Orchard*. Plots may be shared and cared for cooperatively.

Change in Rules and Regulations

The Orchard reserves the right to change these Rules and Regulations.

I have read these Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. I understand that my failure to comply may result in termination and reassignment of my garden plot(s) with no plot fees refunded. I understand that I acquire no rights in or to the Good Seed Community Garden and that *The Orchard* church may at any time and in its sole discretion end the use of the Good Seed Community Garden as a community garden or use any part of or all of the Good Seed Garden area for other purposes. I understand that *The Orchard* church is not responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS *THE ORCHARD* CHURCH FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____