

Community Gardens Rules

These rules are designed to help the garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. However, any gardener who continues to break these rules after warning will lose their plot(s) which will be re-assigned without a refund.

1. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end of season clean up, and all other care of their plots. *Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List are not allowed.* See the web page at www.dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm
2. Gardeners must begin working in their assigned plots on Sunday, April 9. **To maximize use of limited space, plots not worked by the second Saturday in May will be reassigned and no refund given.**
3. All plots are rented on a year-round basis. **However, at the end of the primary growing season (by October 31st) gardeners who are not doing winter gardening are required to remove all non-plant materials from their plots** including plastic pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, tools, tires, etc. **If gardeners fail to adequately clean out their plots, parks maintenance staff will do so and those gardeners will be billed for the clean-up. Also, those gardeners will not be reassigned plots the following year.**
4. The King County Community Gardening Program is an **organic gardening program**. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden. Slug bait is permitted only when used in enclosed containers, which must be removed from the site after use. Use of raw human or animal waste, including "hot or green" manure is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns, however fully composted manures such as steer and chicken manure are allowed. For information on organic fertilizers and pest control, call the **Master Gardener Hotline at 206-296-3440.**

5. Community Gardens are to be used for recreational gardening and for growing vegetables and flowers for family use only. ***Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited.***

6. Place community garden plant materials in the designated compost areas. Do not pile weeds and rocks in the pathways. Doing so will prohibit mowing of paths. Place non-plant materials (plastic, wire, trash) in garbage bags *next to* compost bins for removal, not in the compost bin.

7. **Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them.** Drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and other irrigation may not be left on unattended. Please conserve water as much as possible, and minimize use of sprinklers, especially between 10am – 6pm.

8. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify police by calling 206-296-3311 to file a report, as well as the Recreation Office 206-205-8751. **Due to the open nature of parks and garden sites, Parks is not responsible for loss of garden supplies, tools or equipment. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TOOLS OR SUPPLIES IN THE GARDENS!**

9. Motorized vehicles and equipment, with the exception of small rototillers, mowers, and weed-whackers, are not allowed in the gardens.

10. Dogs and other animals are NOT allowed in the garden area at any time.

11. There is no smoking in the gardens. Research shows that tobacco can transmit a virus to tomatoes.

12. Gardeners may not keep open containers of water on the premises. These are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes that may carry and spread viruses that are dangerous to humans

13. Since plots are close together, gardeners must keep plots relatively free of weeds, especially when weeds are seeding, to avoid spreading them to other plots. NO WILDFLOWERS PLEASE.

Green River Park Community Gardens Application

Name _____ e-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Each plot is 10' x 40'

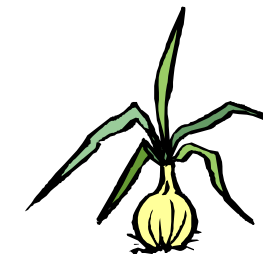
1. Please check the appropriate items:

I have gardened at this location in 2005 and would like plot(s) # _____, if available.

This is my first year at this Community Gardens.

I would like a plot near a friend.

Friend's Name: _____



2. How many plots would you like to reserve? _____ plots x \$50. per plot = \$_____ (total due)

Enclosed is my check made payable to King County Parks.

Charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

3. Senior adults and persons with physical limitations will be assigned plots closer to the water spigots when possible. Please let us know if this applies to you:

I have physical limitations.

I am a senior citizen, 62 years or older and would like to be assigned near a spigot

Please sign agreement below:

KING COUNTY HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child and/or children agree to protect, defend indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments or costs of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter "claims"), arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual in King County Park System programs except for those acts or commissions which are the sole negligence of the County.

Signed _____ Date _____