

2022 COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

- Gardeners must have turned in a Registration Form, Release Form, paid seasonal fees, read the Garden Guidelines and attended a Pre-Season Informational Meeting, in order to work a plot in the garden. Registration fees cover the cost of supplies for making repairs and improvements to the garden space. Everyone registered is a part of the volunteer maintenance crew, in one way or another :) That's what a "community garden" is all about.
- **Only organic fertilizers are to be used in the garden.** No herbicides or pesticides please! There are good organic composts, and natural fertilizers, such as: earthworm castings, fish emulsion, bone meal, kelp, grass clippings (no chemical fertilizers on them) etc. that you can purchase or bring from home. Leaves and wood chips are also valuable for mulching and are avail at the garden. When we refer to organic it means that it will not contain: synthetic chemicals, GMO ingredients, or other components that can diminish soil health. Please bring products to someone on garden oversight team for approval if there is any question. We will be glad to help.
- We encourage everyone to consider using the "no-till" gardening method. Check it out online if like; there are many sites that give great ideas. We will be providing additional information to you on this topic at our Pre-Season Mtg. as well.
- Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot(s) weeded, watered, harvested and the area around their beds clean and neat. Plots must be cleared at the end of the season, unless you have crops that will winter over. Exact date will be decided at the beginning of September.
- If you are unable to care for your plot because of illness or vacation, please ask fellow gardeners for help and notify garden coordinators of your absence. There will be a calendar in the shed where you can mark your vacations and other times away when you will need a friend to fill in for you.
- Plants need to be contained as much as possible in your defined space and shouldn't invade walk ways or other gardeners' beds.
- In-ground garden beds may not be reconfigured in any way, without approval from garden coordinators. Season extension structures cannot obstruct sun or access to other gardener's areas.
- Only untreated wood can be used in the garden. Paints and decorations need to be non-toxic.
- Plots may not be used for storage of wood scraps, household items or tools. Any plastic or garden fabric used for season extension must be in good condition, secured at all times and be taken down at the end of the season.
- Tools and supplies must be cleaned and returned to the shed (or taken home if they are personal items) each time gardeners are finished working in their spaces. All tools and supplies left on garden property will be considered 'usable by all' unless clearly labeled.
- Pick produce from your bed only, unless you have permission from another gardener to harvest from their spot.
- **No pets** allowed in the garden area. Certified service and companion animals are allowed if leashed. We hate to be sticklers on this, but it's difficult to make an exception on one and not others. Some of us love animals, but not all dogs are well behaved around vegetable beds. Mine included. No one should

have to worry about dog tinkle on their crops :) You can feel free to leash them outside of the fence while you work, as long as they know how to conduct themselves appropriately (no barking). Thank you so much for understanding!

- Gardeners are expected to help keep common areas of the garden clean and neat and to participate in periodic work parties throughout the season to help maintain the overall garden site. There will be **trash cans for garbage only** and designated areas for debris produced by gardening.
- Be respectful of other gardeners, especially with regard to foul language, loud music, and rude behavior. No smoking allowed in garden or surrounding area.
- Guests and visitors must be accompanied by a registered gardener inside the fenced garden space, unless arranged ahead of time. Children must be monitored by an adult **at all times**.
- If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the garden coordinators know as soon as possible, so your beds can be reassigned.
- Gardeners with overgrown and weedy beds, will be given a warning and can lose the right to garden in that space without a refund of fees, if it is not taken care of within 2 weeks. If you are having difficulty keeping up or are struggling for any reason please let us know. There are a lot of generous people who would be willing to help out!
- Please share questions, ideas, and concerns with the garden coordinators. Community gardening often involves finding creative ways to work together to solve challenges that may arise. Communication is key for making good friends and working well together!
- Garden Coordinators will be listed on our Community Phone and Email List. You will receive an emailed and a physical copy at our Pre-Season Mtg. (Meeting date will be released soon.) You are always welcome to call or email Shauna Hood at 993-7506 / shaunah@nhccspokane.com.

Looking forward to a great season in the garden together!