



# Community Garden Rules & Regulations

## SAFETY

- Daily hours are dawn to dusk. No night gardening.
- Power tools are prohibited. No exceptions.
- Supervise children closely. Do not allow them to run, climb or throw anything.
- All pets are prohibited. Do not bring any animals into the garden.
- NEVER leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle while gardening.
- Keep the paths and common areas clear of weeds, trash, tools, and debris.
- Immediately report theft, vandalism or trespassing to Auburn Police at 253-931-3080.
- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

## PARTICIPATION

- Complete a minimum of 4 volunteer hours per garden plot.
- Keep your contact information up to date. To update, call 253-931-3043 or [communitygarden@auburnwa.gov](mailto:communitygarden@auburnwa.gov).
- Attend the Community Garden Orientation.
- Cooperate with the Community Garden Leadership Group. Details at Orientation.
- Create paths with city's wood chips. All gardeners should assist. All plots must be accessible by path. Prepare and begin working your plot(s) no later than May 15. **No refunds issued for abandoned plots.**
- Sprinklers and soaker hoses are not allowed. Use hose nozzles and watering cans to conserve water.
- WEED OR COVER YOUR ENTIRE PLOT(S). Do not let your plot(s) get overgrown.
- Do not toss plants and weeds into other plots. Put them in the compost bin/yard waste bin.
- Keep all plots separated by paths. Do not adjoin plots or remove any paths.
- Replenish & maintain the paths with city's wood chips. Request more chips at [communitygarden@auburnna.gov](mailto:communitygarden@auburnna.gov)
- Water or wet ONLY your own plot(s).
- Pick or harvest ONLY your own plot(s).
- Do not create shade on other plots.
- Prevent spreading plants from invading other plots.
- Clear everything from your plot(s) no later than 2:00 p.m. on the last Sunday in October.
- All equipment, supplies and materials must be removed from the plots at the end of the season. Year-round gardens will be allowed some items. **No greenhouses are allowed.** Temporary fencing up to 4 foot tall is okay, must be see through.
- Leaving your plot(s) uncleared will result in forfeiture of deposit and returning gardener pre-registration privileges.

## CONSERVATION

- Use only organic gardening products. Never use synthetic chemical herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, or soil amendments.
- Check your product at OMRI.org before using it if unsure.
- Sprinklers and soaker hoses are not allowed. Use hose nozzles and watering cans to conserve water.
- Do not plant invasive or noxious plants of any kind.
- Never use tires or treated wood.
- Pack out all trash. Never use the Bishop's Storehouse dumpsters.
- Place ONLY garden vegetation in the yard waste structure. Pack out all processed food and trash.
- Never harm or trap rabbits, birds, or any other wildlife in the garden. Use fencing, pinwheels, decoys, etc. to deter them.

## CONDUCT

- Be considerate and courteous to everyone, always.
- Use caution and practice safety in the garden.
- Do not use crude, vulgar, or offensive language.
- Tobacco in all forms is prohibited at all times.
- Alcohol and other intoxicants, including cannabis, are prohibited at all times.
- Cannabis cultivation is prohibited. No exceptions.
- Use earphones, not speakers.
- Do not sell anything grown in the garden.
- Do share your extra bounty freely with family, friends and neighbors