



City of Columbia
Parks and Recreation Department
Community Gardens

GUIDELINES

- 1) If you must abandon the plot for any reason, you will notify the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 2) Keep trash out of the plot, and respect neighboring plots.
- 3) Do not bring pets to the garden.
- 4) If plot becomes neglected, you will be given 2 weeks notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
- 5) Do not plant illegal or poisonous plants.
- 6) Gardening is not allowed after sunset.
- 7) Children may not play in the community gardens. Any activities inconsistent with gardening shall not be allowed in the Community Garden area and may result in loss of gardening privileges.
- 8) There is a limit of two (2) plots per household and use of the Community Garden is for purposes of personal consumption only.
- 9) Gardeners are responsible for maintaining pathways surrounding their garden plot.
- 10) Each garden plot must have a stake with their plot number on it.
- 11) Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling or tall crops that might interfere with other plots. Plantings that extend beyond the assigned plot may be cut back to plot boundary by City forces.
- 12) Harvest only from your assigned plot. Gardeners harvesting from other plots will lose gardening privileges in addition to any other remedies available by law.
- 13) Mulch only with composted (aged) grass clipping, leaves or pine bark mulch.
- 14) Place all weeds, plants residue, and organic waste in designated compost areas only.
- 15) Please take trash and litter and discard in appropriate waste containers.
- 16) Plastic mulches are prohibited due to problems associated with clearing plots in the fall.
- 17) The City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department cannot guarantee protection against vandalism or theft. Any vandalism should be reported to the garden manager immediately. Any items left at the plot are at gardener's own risk and will be deemed abandoned at the conclusion of the lease term.
- 18) Gardeners agree to vacate city property upon 30 days notice, if property is to be utilized for other public purposes.
- 19) All gardener's guidelines and City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department rules and regulations must be followed.
- 20) Only chemicals approved by the Parks and Recreation Department are allowed.

Garden plot permits will be valid for a period of 12months beginning 3/1 and expiring 2/28 (of the following year).