

Community Gardens at Houston Gardens Policies and Procedures 2016

HOURS:

The gardens are open to the public the following hours April 1-October 31, Tuesday-Saturday 8-5pm. We will likely have additional hours. The gate to the gardens is locked the remaining times. We may allow after-hours access to gardeners through another gate. When an event is scheduled in the gardens, the facility will be closed to gardeners and the general public. You will notified in advance of these closures.

PARKING:

Parking for the gardeners is available on the north side of the drive closest to the gardens. Please park to avoid blocking traffic. A picnic table has been placed near the parking area for gardeners use. Once the harvest season begins, if you have surplus produce, please take it to the Food Bank at 108 H Street. (356-2199), or share with others.

UTILIZATION & APPEARANCE:

1. Your garden should be planted by May 31st unless weather is a factor. If you have not planted by that time, you will contacted and may be asked to forfeit your fee and garden plot.
2. Keep weeds removed from your plot and path ways. There will be a dumpster located west of the gardens to dispose of refuse.
3. If you are unable to tend to your garden plot for any reason, it is your responsibility to find someone to care for the garden plot while you are absent.
4. If a plot becomes untended (weeds, unharvested or un-watered) you will contacted to correct the problem. If the problem is not rectified within two weeks, it may be reassigned and you will forfeit the garden fee.
5. All weeds, diseased or insect infected plants need to be removed as quickly as possible and thrown in the dumpster to insure the health of all gardens.

COMMON COURTESY:

1. Be considerate when planting tall crops in order to reduce shading of neighboring plots.
2. Allow adequate space within your designated plot to prevent plants from encroaching on pathways and neighboring plots. (Squash, cucumbers etc.)
3. Use paths in your garden and avoid walking through other gardens.
4. Water wisely. Please do not leave water running if you are not there to monitor its flow.

5. We strongly recommend only chemical free control of all garden pests. (Weeds, insects, disease).
6. Do not harvest from other garden plots unless you receive permission.

WATERING & TOOLS;

1. Water is available on designated days, (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday). Use water carefully since overwatering has been a concern in previous years.
2. Tools will again be provided. They will be in a barrel outside of the garden nook. Please be sure to clean and return them after use.
3. If tools are broken or in poor working condition, please notify one of the Houston Garden staff.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Children are welcome in the gardens, however; those children under 14 must be supervised by an adult at all times! Parents (supervising adult) are responsible for their children's injuries or any property damage they may cause.
2. Dogs, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades and scooters are not allowed in the gardens. (service dogs exempt)
3. Speed limit is limited to 5 MPH at Houston Gardens.
4. Restrooms are located north of the house and will be open during garden hours.
5. The house will be locked at all times.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

West Greeley Conservation District 970-356-8097 x 3
Emergency contact: District Manager: 970-560-7738