

COMMUNITY GARDENS IN THE PARKS GARDENER GUIDELINES

1. Gardeners must be Fayetteville residents.
2. Gardeners must complete a Gardener Application Form and submit the required fee to the Garden Group.
3. To create a sense of community and help with the work of the garden, all gardeners must sign up for at least one garden job/committee listed on the Gardener Application. Please contact the garden leaders for more information.
4. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please take advantage of these opportunities to get to know your fellow gardeners and help with garden upkeep and projects.
5. Please keep your plot and adjoining pathways well tended. Allowing your plot to grow untended could result in the loss of your gardening privileges.
6. It is each gardener's responsibility to care for and secure tools after each use. If tools are broken or damaged, please notify the garden coordinator.
7. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. Please make sure children respect the work of others.
8. Be sure to notify the garden monitor if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you need to discontinue use of your space, please let the monitor know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
9. For environmental and personal health, the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department supports organic gardening methods. Only organic means of disease and pest control may be used on park land. **No chemical pest control measures may be used. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. No herbicides (weed killers) may be applied in any Community Garden in the Parks
11. Any application of fertilizers or substances must be applied to your plot or crops only and must be controlled with no runoff or spray drift permitted to touch anyone else's crops or plot. Please make all applications in accordance with label directions.
12. Assignments of garden plots are done through the Garden Group. Garden plots will be awarded by a first-come, first-serve system. Preference for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first.
13. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their plot only, unless other arrangements are agreed to by the Garden Group.
14. At the end of the growing season, a "Putting the Garden to Bed" party will be announced. At this time dead plants and non-plant materials such as string, wire, wood, metal, etc will be cleaned up to leave all gardens neat and tidy. In order to be eligible for a plot in the garden the following year, all gardeners should clean up their plots by November 15.
15. Vegetables, herbs and flowers that are deemed as invasive by the Parks and Recreation Horticulturist or the Garden Group should be avoided.
16. Please place weeds and dead plants in the designated area. Please do not leave them in the pathway. Help keep the garden attractive by picking up litter when you see it.
17. Diseased or invasive weeds should be removed from the site and not placed in the compost.
18. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When you are finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area and return tools to their proper place.

19. Smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed. In addition to the health risks, tobacco can transmit a virus lethal to tomatoes, and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
20. For your safety, garden during daylight hours only. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
21. Please report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.
22. Please be aware that the leaders of the garden are concerned with creating a positive experience for our community. If a person violates the gardener guidelines, that person will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, that person may lose gardening privileges. No fees will be refunded in that event.
23. Good Neighbor Tip #1: Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. It should go without saying that planting illegal plants is prohibited.
24. Good Neighbor Tip #2: Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their clear approval.
25. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.