



City of West Richland
Community Development Department

COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

Community Garden Rules:

1. Park hours are 5am to 11pm. All gardening shall occur within these hours.
2. The community garden is a city park. Therefore, all park rules must be followed. See WRMCSection 12.12 for full list. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of garden plot with no refund of fees, plus a civil infraction with a fine up to \$250 (WRMC 12.12.030(b)).
3. No pets allowed at the community garden.
4. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please call the Police Department Non-Emergency number at 628-0333. Due to the open nature of the garden site, the City of West Richland is not responsible for vandalism, the loss of garden products, tools, or equipment.
5. Access to water shall be by the hose bibs within the community garden area. The city will provide 50' hoses with soft nozzles.
6. Gardeners must be present within the community garden area at all times while watering. Irrigation of any kind shall not be left unattended.
7. The city does not provide any tools or on-site storage beyond the hoses and nozzles.
8. Gardeners are responsible to notify the City with any contact information changes. Changes should be reported to the City at 509-967-5902.
9. Gardeners shall maintain a weed-free plot as well as the area immediately surrounding their plot by way of consistent ongoing maintenance.
10. Two warnings will be issued by the Garden Coordinator for beds that are unplanted, overgrown, weedy, or other non-compliance with these garden rules. Failure to correct violation within one week of second notification will result in the loss of garden privilege and re-assignment of your bed without access to crops.
11. If you are unable to care for your bed for a time, ask a fellow gardener to care for your bed.
12. Gardeners are responsible for planting, cultivating, watering, fertilizing, weeding, caring for, and harvesting the garden. The bed must be cleared at the end of each growing season.
13. Only organic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers will be used in the garden. The City of West Richland, with assistance from the master gardener mentor, will determine what is organic.
14. The community garden program is to be used for recreational gardening and for vegetables and flowers for personal and family use. Gardening for commercial gain is not allowed; nor are illegal plants and plants on the State of Washington's Noxious Weed list.
15. No tires allowed at the garden sites.
16. Gardeners shall respect other gardeners and stay out of other garden plots whether used or not, unless previous arrangement has been made with current gardener or the City.
17. Children must be supervised at all times.
18. Gardeners shall not use power tools, weed eaters, or tillers.



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19. Gardening must be contained within the defined space and plants should not invade walkways or other gardeners' beds. Tall plants should be planted at the center of the beds so they do not shade neighboring garden beds.
20. Garden beds may not be re-configured in any way.
21. Beds shall not be used for storage of wood scraps, household items, tools, etc. Do not put rocks, weeds, or other material in the pathways.
22. Water containers must be emptied daily; no open containers of water are allowed in the garden.
23. Be a good neighbor to your fellow gardeners, to those that live around the garden, and to the families that use the adjoining park. Help keep the garden neat and clean.

Community Garden Logistics:

The community garden has 36 4'x8' plots, plus 6 ADA-accessible 3'x8' plots available. The season will kick off in March, and conclude in November. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through the City of West Richland Planning Department starting January 1 of the gardening year. Call 967-5902 for questions and reservations.

Plot rental fees:

\$10 per season for one plot. One plot per family to start. If more than one plot is desired you can be put on the waiting list for additional plots. A maximum of 10 plots per household will be allowed. We will also save 10 plots for latecomers.