

# Gardener Guidelines

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A non-refundable, nontransferable plot fee of \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents, plus an additional one (1) time, refundable \$25.00 deposit fee are due along with the application. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after payment is received.
2. Garden meetings and work parties may be scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend them to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with its upkeep and enjoy special projects.
3. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be neglected for a period of time and you have not contacted the garden master, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener after a week of continued disuse. Call your garden master if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the garden master know as soon as possible, so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
4. Plots are two (2) feet by four (4) feet. You will not expand your plot beyond this measurement into pathways or into your neighbor's garden.
5. Tall plants and vines should be planted in places within the plot where they will not interfere with neighboring gardens.
6. The planting of illegal plants, poisonous plants, and trees is strictly prohibited.
7. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned up by the agreed upon date, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season.
8. Be mindful of the garden space. If you see litter, pick it up and place it in a trash can. If you bring children or guests into the garden area, you are solely responsible for their behavior. Make sure they are aware of the rules and the community space.
9. Weeds and dead plants should be disposed of in the area provided. Do not leave them in pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash, so as not to contaminate the gardens. Old woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile to be carted to the disposal area.
10. Do not apply anything to or harvest anything from another person's plot, without their express approval.
11. Please note smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
12. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a mobile telephone nearby.
13. Report theft, vandalism, and unusual activities to City staff.
14. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY your time at the garden.
15. Do not give out the combination code to the community garden gate. We work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize in a neighborly manner.
16. Personal items should be labeled when coming into the garden. If they are left and unlabeled, it will be assumed they are for public use.
17. Dogs and other pets are not permitted within the community garden.
18. Please note the violation of gardener guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated, you will be contacted by telephone or e-mail and have one (1) week to address the violation. After one (1) week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your garden privileges, as determined by the garden master and City staff.
19. Garden members shall only use products approved by the Official Organic Growers of America.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding these guidelines.

Please initial, date and return to Lizzie Roberds at the Eureka Parks and Recreation Department with your application and payment.

Gardener's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plot # \_\_\_\_\_