

ST. MARK COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES 2011

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St. Mark Community Garden consists of 26 raised beds that are open to community members that enjoy gardening but have no garden space of their own. Water for each bed is provided via a drip irrigation system on a timer so watering is automatic.

Please note: The only requirement for the free use of a raised bed is volunteer time given to the Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB) row crops in the area adjacent to the raised beds. In 2011, 6,000 square feet of potatoes will be planted in April, weeded throughout the summer, and harvested in the fall for the TCFB.

Garden Guidelines:

1. Please work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
2. You agree to volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts (list of volunteer tasks will be posted).
3. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
4. We are eager to have young children share in the garden experience, and ask that parents supervise their children at all times while in the garden area.
5. Plot users promise to devote reasonable amounts of time to the maintenance and improvement of the plot throughout the growing season.
6. If your plot becomes un-kept, you will be given a notice to clean it up. If nothing is done, it may be reassigned or tilled in.
7. If you must abandon your plot for any reason, please notify the garden coordinator (see above).
8. If you will be gone for a period of time and want your plot harvested for the TCFB, please notify the garden coordinator.
9. We ask that you maintain a weed-free environment on the outside and inside of your garden plot throughout the growing season.

10. Please do not allow plants to encroach into the paths and adjacent plots. Stake up plants to prevent them from falling into the pathways, and try not to plant in such a way that you shade another person's plot.
11. Only organic fertilizers are allowed, and no pesticides, as this is an organic garden.
12. Do not pick crops from another plot unless you have permission from the plot owner.
13. Crops must be harvested when mature. If you have extra produce you cannot use, and want it harvested for the TCFB, please contact the garden coordinator.
14. You must provide your own tools to maintain your garden plot and whatever else you may need to properly maintain your plot during the growing season. We have no storage and will not be responsible for lost or stolen equipment.
15. Compostable vegetation may be placed in the compost area. All weeds and grasses must be put in the pile on the south side of the property.
16. At the end of the growing season, you are responsible to clean out your raised bed of all vegetation by November. Your soil will require a boost after giving so much to you throughout the growing season. Reward your soil by loosening it and incorporating aged compost and dried leaves.
17. Disrespectful or abusive language or destructive behavior (including vandalism) may result in immediate loss of all garden privileges.
18. St. Mark Church and Community Garden is not responsible for your actions, and you must agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by yourself or any of your guests.

Signing this document indicates that I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Date: _____

Plot user

Date: _____

Community Garden Team member