

Whitestown Community Garden

Polices (Rules and Regulations) 2016

The following guidelines have been established by the members of this garden. Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the Whitestown Parks Department.

1. Plot Size and Boundary Stakes: The garden plots are approximately 10ft. by 20ft. (200 Square Ft.). Each plot will be marked with stakes/number. There is a path between garden plots for walking.
2. Community Garden Opening Date: The garden will officially open on **April 1st 2016**. The garden will not be open prior to this date. Gardeners are encouraged to contact Whitestown Parks Department with questions.
3. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. Gardeners must keep a clean looking plot. Those who neglected garden plots will be notified and given **two weeks** to remove weeds. If a gardener does not comply, the garden plot will be mowed and the gardener will lose the community gardening privileges. Call your garden monitor 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 monitor or registrar known as soon as possible.
4. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plots on all sizes as well as path ways. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
5. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), radios, boom boxes, and fires are not allowed in the community gardens.
6. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
7. Children must be supervised at all times by adults in the community gardens. If children are within the garden, they must stay in their own family's plot or on established paths. Do not enter or allow your children to enter other's garden plots for any reason.
8. Some areas may be marked "No Trespassing". Please observe these signs.
9. Walk only on pathways provide in the garden area and on your own plot. Do not trespass on others plots.
10. Anyone who vandalizes or steals from someone else's garden plot will not be allowed to participate in the community garden program. Please report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.
11. Vehicles must remain in designated parking areas.
12. Please pick up any litter when you see it. Thank you!
13. For you safety only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable. There is no access to a public phone in the gardens.
14. There is no garbage pick-up at the garden site. All trash (containers, paper, etc.) and other refuse **MUST** be taken with you. Plant materials should be deposited in the designated compost area (preferably chopped up) or the yard waste as appropriate.
15. Gardeners may apply organic (such as composted plants and manure) or chemical fertilizers (10-10-10) to garden plots. Follow application rates for commercial products carefully, as excess chemical fertilizers can burn plants and/or reduce seed germination. Manure, compost and leaf mulch may be available to community gardeners at designated locations within the gardens: straw, leaves and newspaper are options. Plastic film may **NOT** be used as mulch because it interferes with maintenance. Be sure to cover newspapers with soli or leaf mulch to prevent it from blowing away.
16. Gardeners may recycle plants material within their own garden plots.
17. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area. Violation to this rule can lead to garden privileges take away.
18. Pathways **MUST** be kept free of weeds.
19. Donation of excess produce: Gardeners are encouraged to donate excess produce to local food pantries.
20. Closing date will be announced in the fall. Annual plants should be removed to either the lawn little pickup site or the compost plié. Cover crops may be planted.
21. Use common courtesy, be considerate of you gardening neighbors, ENJOY and HAVE FUN!
22. Violation of rules and regulations: if any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.

