



Eden Community Gardens (ECG) Rules 2024

Introduction:

1. Barry Karalfa, Garden Coordinator, contact phone and text number (509) 315-6980.
2. Garden administration questions should be directed to the coordinator if he is on site, to his phone number (above) or by email at info@edencommunitygardens.org. He will do his best to answer your question or resolve any issue promptly.
3. A complete list of the **Expanded Garden Rules** is posted at the Bulletin Board Kiosk by the shed.
4. You may lose your rights to participate in the Garden if you fail to comply with any of these Rules.
5. **Please call 911 immediately if you observe a medical or security emergency. The garden address is 15515 North Gleneden Dr., Spokane, WA 99208**
6. We are always looking for volunteers to join our gardening team. Contact Barry Karalfa, Garden Coordinator, at phone and text number (509) 315-6980 if interested.

Health Safety Precautions in the Garden:

1. After using the restroom wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds.
2. If you have symptoms of COVID 19 within the last two weeks, have been told to self-isolate, or if you test positive for COVID 19 please notify us so we can inform your fellow gardeners who may have come into contact with you. If you are ill or in isolation at home inform the Garden Coordinator. We will manage your plot for you until you can return.

Garden Operation:

1. During the planting / growing season, approximately April 15th to Oct 15th, the Garden will be open from dawn to dusk.
2. The front and south side gate combination is **8-9-8-9**. Just press the four digits and turn the latch. The button above the numbers lights the digits and resets after a mistake. If you make a mistake, just repeat the process. The door locks automatically. No code is needed for exiting. Make sure the gate lock latch engages and the gate is locked as you exit the garden.
3. Parking is permitted on either side of Gleneden Drive or in the church parking lot. **Please don't block the mail boxes as the post office will not deliver mail to the affected homes.** No parking signs are provided as a reminder.
4. A unisex wheelchair accessible restroom is provided for your convenience. The door code is **8-9-8-9**. Please clean up after using the restroom and assure that the water in the sink is turned off.
5. The water in the drinking fountains at the shed door and the facet in the bathroom is potable, that is, safe to drink. **Do not** drink or use water from the garden fountain as this water is chemically treated and is not safe for human, animal or plant consumption.

Garden Tools:

- 1 You are encouraged to use your own hand tools. They cannot be stored in the Garden.
- 2 Several common tools available for Garden Cleanup can be found at the shed.

3. Eden Community Gardens is not responsible for individual's tools left at the gardener's raised bed such as a watering can or trowel or for garden decorations left at beds.

Garden Conduct:

1. Use of the Garden is restricted to you, your family, and your authorized guests. Guests must sign a permission form and place it in the mail box by the shed. Forms can be found on the bulletin board.
2. Your children may use the playground while you are in the Garden. The double-wide gate is located outside the fence in the grassy area to the left of the pine tree.
3. For their safety, do not let children climb on or play in the fountain.
4. Any persons exhibiting discourteous, profane, or rowdy behavior will be asked to leave.
5. There will be no smoking in the Garden, church grounds or in the parking lots.
6. Food and drink are permitted provided you clean up afterwards. Paper and food scraps should be disposed in the garbage can **NOT** in the compost bins.
7. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the Garden, church grounds, or parking lot.
8. Pets are not permitted in the Garden unless they are registered service animals.
9. Personal fires or cooking are not allowed.
10. You will notify the Garden Coordinator, 509-315-6980, of any concerns about the Garden.
11. You will notify the Garden Coordinator, 509-315-6980, of any disputes with fellow Gardeners.
12. You will notify the Garden Coordinator, 509-315-6980, if you see anyone violating the garden rules.
13. Harvest your produce in a timely fashion. Do not let vegetables go to waste. If you have excess leave it in the wooden bins by the shed and it will be collected and donated to local food banks.

Organic Garden:

1. Gardeners in areas B, C, and D have agreed to garden organically.
2. Organic Gardening requires you to use only OMRI approved fertilizers, fungicides or herbicides. The use of organic seeds or starter plants is encouraged
3. The letters OMRI (**O**rganic **M**aterials **R**eview **I**nstitute) should be on the chemical's label.
4. A link to the site listing OMRI approved chemicals follows:
https://www.omri.org/sites/default/files/opl_pdf/CompleteCompany-NOP.pdf
5. This web site is also posted on the bulletin board at the shed.
6. OMRI fertilizers can be found at Northwest Seed and Pet. *Down to Earth* and *Dr. Earth* fertilizers are examples.
7. OMRI insecticides include *SAFR insecticide Soap*, *Monterey Garden Insect Spray* (*Spenosid*), and *Organocide 3 in 1 Garden Spray* (oil based)

Planting Rules:

1. You are responsible for keeping your plot and immediate surroundings free of weeds.
2. The height of your plants should not shade your neighbor's plot.
3. Do not let your plants, such as squashes, pumpkins or cherry tomatoes, **extend beyond two feet** of your plot edges. If this is not observed and the gardener has been warned by the Garden Coordinator, the plants will be cut back in order to be in compliance.
4. Please **do not plant Mint!** The roots spread and are invasive.

5. Please note that you may plant Cherry Tomatoes, but it is your responsibility to fully clean them up at the end of the growing season. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of the rules and may result in being prohibited from future gardening at Eden Community Gardens.
6. **Do not over plant.** Crowding encourages plant diseases and plants are less productive.
7. Drip irrigation and landscape pins are provided to your plot. You may add additional drip lines and pins at your expense. Lowe's and Home Depot have supplies of these items.

Composting Rules

1. You are encouraged to compost your spent plant materials, small stems and **non-seed-bearing** weeds.
2. Please cut up your squash and pumpkin vines.
3. Thick plant stalks and root balls should be placed in the garbage can.
4. Pick up fallen tomatoes and overripe produce and dispose of them in the garbage can.
5. Do not put trash, leaves or grass clippings from your home, meat, bone, dog or cat feces in the compost bin. A trash can is provided for each quadrant.

Community Garden Common Requirements:

1. All Gardeners are expected to participate in the Garden Work Day that is scheduled on a date to be determined. The End of Season Cleanup date in October or November will be listed in advance on the bulletin board and a reminder will be sent in an email message.
2. Gardeners are also expected to donate two hours per month to the general maintenance of the Garden. If you are renting two plots, you are expected to donate four hours. Record the date and hours and chore you donated on the bulletin board.
3. A list of current chores to be completed is listed on the bulletin board.
4. Examples of chores for the Garden Work Days and monthly maintenance include, but are not limited to: weeding common areas, weeding row crop area, cleaning walkways, cleaning the restroom, watering and turning compost, harvesting the row crops, and cleaning up trash.

Garden Plot:

1. Gardeners returning for the next growing season who have adhered to the Rules may submit requests to keep their existing plots, change the area of their plots, and add or subtract the number of plots.
2. You may not neglect your plot for fourteen or more consecutive days without notifying the Garden Coordinator.
3. You are expected to respond in a timely manner to issues brought to your attention by the Garden Coordinator.
4. The Garden Coordinator will adjudicate any disputes between gardeners and will work to resolve them in the best interest of the Garden. If a dispute cannot be resolved at this level, it will be elevated to the Garden Director, whose decision will be final.
5. If you neglect your plot for more than thirty-days, it may be deemed you have abandoned your plot and your Agreement may be terminated at our discretion.

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