

Westminster Community Garden

Rules Contract

Please read and sign this rules contract:

General Use

- 1) The garden must be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden.
- 2) Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for the garden community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden and be a good neighbor.
- 3) Teach your children to respect others' plots.
- 4) Individuals must apply each year for a plot. This will be on a first come first serve basis. The number of plots per gardener will be limited according to demand.
- 5) Stakes that mark each plot's corners and have gardener's name and number must be left in place all season.

Taking Care of your Garden Plot

- 6) Gardeners are responsible for planting, weeding, and harvesting their own plot. Visit your plot at least once each week. If your plot appears to be abandoned, it will be reassigned to another gardener for use.
- 7) Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw, and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Remove any non-organic mulch by the end of the season. Black plastic lining is allowed, but must be removed at the end of the season. Wood chips are not to be used as mulch.
- 8) Never use any herbicides or weed killers. Pesticides are discouraged.
- 9) Do not plant mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey, or raspberries.
- 10) If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After two weeks of no action or communication, your plot may be mowed and reassigned to another gardner.

Garden Etiquette

- 11) Do not pick produce from your neighbors' gardens, even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- 12) Please do not put up brightly colored fencing around your plot.

- 13) Keep vines and visitors out of neighboring plots.
- 14) Keep plot boundaries weeded and free of trash. If you are on a pathway, you are responsible to care for half of the pathway between you and your neighbor. Keep plot edges and fencing free of weeds that will go to seed. Do not put rocks and sticks in the paths.
- 15) Keep tall plants, such as corn or sunflowers, at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbors' plants.
- 16) Pack your trash and take with you to dispose of properly.
- 17) Try to resolve any conflicts or issues with your garden neighbors. Unresolved issues between gardeners will be referred to the Department of Recreation.

Important Contacts:

East Middle School/Skate Park Gardens
Ben Garver – City of Westminster – 410-857-9072 or bgarver@westgov.com

Master Gardeners: (410)386-2760

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I have read and agree to the above Westminster Community Garden Rules Contract.

Signed: (Gardener responsible for plot): _____
Name Date

Please cut this slip to keep the Garden Rules for your records and include the signed slip with your application.

