



Greeley Community Gardens

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Policies and Procedures

The following is an overview of rules for community gardeners. We have established these policies to make the gardening experience more enjoyable. We don't want to anyone in the position of being "garden police," so if a gardener is ignoring the rules please notify the garden coordinator.

Use common courtesy:

- Allow adequate space within your designated plot for plants and crops that spread to keep them from encroaching on paths and adjacent plots.
- Plant your tall crops, such as corn, sunflowers and pole beans, on the south or east side of your plot to minimize its shading affect on other plots.
- Do not walk in others' gardens; use the paths.
- Do not harvest other gardener's crops unless given permission. If you suspect an unauthorized person is harvesting, diplomatically question the person and/or contact the garden coordinator.
- Radios are not allowed, since people have different tastes in music and some gardeners may prefer peace and quiet. If music makes your gardening more enjoyable, use headphones.
- Please help pickup and dispose of litter.
- Closely supervise your children. Community gardening can be a wonderful learning experience for children, but they must behave respectfully toward other gardeners and their plots.
- No dogs are allowed in the community gardens, including dogs on leashes. (Service dogs exempt)
- No smoking is allowed in the garden.

Maintain your garden:

- Your garden should be mostly planted by May 31st, unless there has been extremely wet and cool weather. If nothing has been planted by that date (barring unusual weather), you will be contacted and may be asked to forfeit your gardening fee and plot.
- Keep weeds removed from your plot, the perimeter of your plot and surrounding paths.
- Keep in regular contact with the community garden coordinator. If you will not be able to tend your garden due to illness or travel, it is your responsibility to find someone to water, weed and harvest it as needed. Envision has been willing to help UNC gardeners. Make sure the person knows precisely which plot is yours.
- If a plot appears untended (overgrown weeds, unharvested), you will be contacted. If your plot is not cleaned up within two weeks, it will be reassigned, and you will forfeit the gardening fee and deposit. This will help us keep weed seeds to a minimum and the gardens looking cared for.

Be considerate and conservation-minded when watering:

- When watering, be careful not to drag hoses through others' plots. Try not to over-spray onto others' plots, since they may be planning to plant or work their soil.
- After watering, please return the hoses and watering devices to their storage location.
- Remember water is a precious and limited resource so water in early morning or evening when possible.

Perennials and Garlic: Perennials are best located around the perimeters of gardeners' plots when planted. If you are a first or second year gardener and intend to garden the following year, you may plant garlic in the fall. You will be responsible for tilling your own garden plot, so remember where you plant your perennials.

Chemical-free methods only for pest control:

For our gardener's safety and health, and for environmental reasons, only "organic" methods of insect, disease and weed control are permitted. It has been our experience that more dangerous pesticides and herbicides are simply not necessary to grow healthy, attractive and a bountiful harvest in Greeley. Since "organic" means different things to different people, we have provided more detail and suggestions in the linked document:

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/mg/files/gardennotes/111-PHC.html>

Conflicts with others:

Occasionally you may have difficulty dealing with another gardener. Please remain polite and listen carefully. Usually solutions can be easily reached. If more serious difficulties arise, please contact the community garden coordinator to assist with mediating a solution. Neighborly relations are important to the spirit of community gardening.

Remember through community gardening, you have the opportunity to have a very positive effect on other gardeners, your neighborhood and your community!

If you have any questions, please contact the community garden coordinator, Deb DeBoutez, at 336-4167 or deborah.deboutez@greeleygov.com

