

St. Michaels Community Garden

Gardener Guidelines.

The following guidelines have been established by the members of the Community Garden. Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the garden leaders.

1. All gardeners are required to complete a Gardener Application no later than April 1.
2. All Gardener Applications must be accompanied by the annual rental fee indicated on Line 7. In lieu of a yearly rental fee, a community gardener may be allowed to provide vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers in kind in an amount and at such time as agreeable to the parties.
3. All plots (beds) will be assigned in a random manner except for gardeners who have rented a plot (bed) in the previous year and request to rent the same plot/bed in the current year.
4. All gardeners are required to sign up for at least one garden job/crew listed on Line 8. Please contact the garden leaders with questions or suggestions.
5. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with garden upkeep and special projects.
6. Keep your plot (bed) and adjoining pathways tended. If the plot appears to be untended for a period of 30 days and you have not contacted the Garden Monitor, you will be contacted and your plot (bed) may be assigned to another gardener. Call your Garden Monitor if you need help or will be out of town for more than 30 days.
7. Plant in such a fashion so as not to interfere with your neighbor's bed.
8. No invasive, noxious or illegal plants shall be planted in the community garden. Beds may be used to grow vegetables, herbs flowers and/or any legal plant suitable to the Community Garden.
9. At the end of the growing season, all dead plant material shall be composted in the bins provided. All non-plant material (string, wire, and wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all plots (beds) left neat and tidy. If your plot (bed) is not cleaned up by November 1, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season.
10. Pick up litter wherever and whenever you see it.
11. Weeds and dead plants are to be composted in the bins provided. Any diseased plant or invasive weeds are to be bagged and disposed of in the trash receptacles provided so as not to contaminate the Community Garden.
12. Do not apply anything to nor pick anything from another gardener's plot (bed) without his or her prior approval.
13. Please do not leave water running unattended.
14. When finishing gardening for the day, please roll up or coil hoses by the water bib, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the Community Garden.

15. The Community Garden is a **SMOKE-FREE ZONE**. Smoking and using any tobacco products is **NOT ALLOWED**. Tobacco can transmit a deadly virus to tomato plants.
16. Pets, alcohol, drugs, radios, boom boxes and fires are **NOT ALLOWED**.
17. Please supervise children in the Community Garden.
18. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs.
19. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to Garden Leaders and the police.
20. Use common courtesy; be considerate of your Community Garden neighbors and ENJOY!
21. A number of beds to be determined by the Garden Monitor may be reserved for the use of charitable, service and other organizations.
22. **VIOLATION OF COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES:** If any of the Garden Guidelines are violated, you will be contacted by telephone or e-mail and have one week to take care of the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been taken care of, you may lose your gardening privileges in the Community Garden.

Gardener's Signature

Date