

## Gardener Guidelines

*Adapted from the Community Garden Coalition (cgc.missouri.org) Gardener Guidelines.*

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

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. An application fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. All gardeners are required to sign up for at least one garden job/crew listed on the application. Please contact the garden leaders for more information.
3. 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.
4. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time and you haven't contacted the garden monitor, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. 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 know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
5. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
6. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned-up by \_\_\_\_\_, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned to a new, smaller plot.
7. Pick up litter when you see it.
8. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided. Do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens. Old woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile to be carted to the recycling center.
9. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their express approval.
10. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the garden.
11. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
12. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), radios, boom boxes and fires are not allowed.
13. Please supervise children in the garden.
14. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
15. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.
16. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.
17. Violation of gardener guidelines: 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.

(Garden Organizers: For an exhaustive compilation of garden rules, click on "Community Garden Rules" at the Gardening Matters Web site at [gardeningmatters.org/Resources/coordinating.htm](http://gardeningmatters.org/Resources/coordinating.htm).)