



Garden Rules for Cultivate Community Gardens at Padgett Park

These rules are intended to help the garden run smoothly. Please cooperate to make this community garden a success for the enjoyment of everyone. Please read the rules and direct any questions to Cultivate Community Gardens (CCG). If any of these rules are violated, you will be contacted by text or email, and given a time frame to address the violation. After that time, if the violation has not been resolved, your gardening privileges may be revoked. Garden plot fees are non-refundable.

- 1) The garden will be completely GMO free and grown to organic standards. No GMO seeds or plants are allowed in the garden. No chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers may be used, contact CCG for an approved list of organic methods of treatment. Integrated Pest Management Practices are recommended. If questions ever arise, please contact CCG before planting or spraying anything.
- 2) The garden will be open year round, from dawn to dusk, in adherence with the rules of Padgett Park. Cultivate Community Gardens (CCG) will communicate with garden plot holders of any closures and/or Park notifications.
- 3) There will be garden meetings, community-building events, potlucks and gardening workshops scheduled throughout the year. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners. These events will only be organized by CCG.
- 4) Each garden plot holder is required to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours per season (Fall & Spring) to help with general maintenance of the garden and event support. If there is vandalism, storm damage, or any other damage to the garden, all gardeners are expected to help in cleaning up and restoring the garden to its prior condition.
- 5) Before you can start tending your garden plot at Padgett Park, a signed copy of the garden rules and liability release waiver must be received by CCG, and your plot fee paid. Garden plot fees are non-refundable.
- 6) Garden plots must be planted within the first 30 days of the garden opening or being assigned your plot. If not, the garden plot holder will be given notice to either plant

their plot or release it to another gardener. If the plot has not been planted by the given expiration date, your plot will be reassigned.

- 7) Garden plot holders will be given a key code to enter the garden gate. This code may not be shared with any one other than the plot holder. Please contact CCG if more than one gardener will be tending your plot. CCG will contact plot holders should there be any changes to the key code.
- 8) Keep your plot and adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears untended for a period of time and you have not contacted CCG, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. If you plan to discontinue use of your plot, please contact CCG as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
- 9) Current garden plot holders will have the opportunity to renew their plots annually. Plot holders will need to be in good standing and will be required to re-sign a copy of the most current garden rules and pay the annual plot fee as set by CCG. Any open plots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis or in accordance with any waiting list in place.
- 10) Do not plant your garden plot in such a way that it shades your neighbor's plot. Planting illegal or poisonous plants is prohibited. In addition, no non-native, invasive plants are to be grown in the garden.
- 11) Should a plot holder choose not to renew their plot at their annual renewal, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and your plot left neat and tidy. Should you be in the middle of a growing season and choose not to renew, plot holders will have the opportunity to harvest their plot before leaving the garden.
- 12) Please put all weeds and dead plants in the compost area, do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash as not to contaminate the gardens.
- 13) Garden plot holders must bring their own tools into the garden to use in their plots. Gardeners may not use power tools, such as those that require gasoline.
- 14) While we welcome and encourage the participation of children, plot holders are responsible for looking after their children while at the garden.
- 15) Please pick up litter when you see it.
- 16) No dogs or other pets are permitted in the garden.
- 17) The garden area is open to visitors, but a garden plot holder must accompany them. Gardeners are responsible for their visitors and seeing that they follow the rules.
- 18) Please use water only as you need it and do not leave any water on unattended.
- 19) You cannot take vegetables from another person's garden plot without their written permission. Additionally, CCG must have a copy of your written permission before anyone else can harvest your vegetables.

- 20) Garden plot holders agree not to use produce grown at their plot for purposes of individual sales, retail or wholesale, and that if such practice is discovered, it will be grounds for rescinding garden privileges.
- 21) Use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco are prohibited in the garden. No firearms, bikes, loud music or fires are allowed at the garden.
- 22) Report, theft, vandalism and unusual activities to CCG and the local police.

Gardeners will communicate any disputes about the garden, the use of garden plots, or with fellow gardeners to Cultivate Community Gardens. CCG will hear these disputes, take them under advisement, and the Board of CCG has the sole authority to resolve such disputes. Decisions will be based on what is in the best interests of the garden, and will be final. Rules violations are grounds for revocation of gardening privileges, and disputes may also be resolved with revocation of gardening privileges. Nonetheless, garden plot fees are non-refundable.

As an applicant for a garden plot, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to all the rules and regulations set out by CCG, I promise to abide by them, and further acknowledge that no other promises or statements, either written or spoken, have been made to me that would alter or compromise any of the rules set out here. By signing below, I state freely that I agree with these Rules and will follow them.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____