

MOSES LAKE PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES & REGULATIONS

(Revised 2018)

The Community Garden of Moses Lake offers an opportunity for all interested gardeners to grow their own food, improve their neighborhood and share with others who like to make things grow in this marvelous climate. The following rules are designed to help the garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. Occasionally staff works with individual gardeners who are having difficulty following the rules or meeting requirements for the program. Should this happen, there is a review process, written warning and, if the situation does not change, the plot(s) will be re-assigned without a refund.

1. 2018 Garden Calendar for getting started: Within two weeks of receiving plot or by:
 - a. May 1st the minimum requirements of getting started include:
 - i. Weeding
 - ii. Planting
 - iii. Working some of the soil in preparation for planting
 - iv. Pathway cleanup
 - b. June 1st there should be marked progress towards a productive garden which includes:
 - i. At least ½ the plot(s) worked
 - ii. Removal of remaining weeds
 - iii. Establishing and caring for plants
 - iv. Continued pathway maintenance
 - c. July 1st there should be gardening activity and weeding in the whole plot.
 - d. October 31st – All gardeners must clean their plots of all non-compost materials by this date. Materials left in the garden beyond this date will be discarded and you will lose your plot for the next garden season. Any soil improvements to your plot become the property of Moses Lake Parks & Recreation.
2. Gardeners who fail to maintain their garden plot and/or have a consistently weedy or untended plot will be contacted & must clean up their assigned plot within 5 days. Continued inactivity will be viewed as abandonment of the garden plot & the plot will be forfeited without refund. Gardeners are responsible for keeping the staff of the Community Garden program informed of any address or phone number changes.
3. You may not plant any tree within individual plots. What you plant should grow within the limits of your plot and community garden season.
4. When a gardener abandons or wants to abandon his plot, you must notify the Parks and Recreation Department so that your plot may be reassigned. No gardener has the right to give or sell his plot, or allow another individual to use it.
5. Do not use any kind of inorganic pesticide/herbicide in the garden.
6. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end-of-season clean up and all other care for their plots. Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List are not allowed. See the website at www.dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm.
7. Only you and your family can have the code to the lock to the tool shed. Keep the lock in good condition.
8. Lock the tool shed each time you enter or leave the garden.
9. The tools in the shed are for the use of every gardener. After using them, you must clean them and return them to the shed. If you break a tool, it is expected that you will replace it.
10. Respect your neighbor's plot. Do not touch or remove the plants or vegetables from your neighbor's plot. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify police by calling 764-3887 to file a report as well as the Parks & Recreation office at 764-3805. Due to the open nature of the garden sites, Parks is not responsible for loss of garden products.

11. Gardens must be used to grow produce and flowers for personal use only. Commercial use of the gardens is strictly prohibited.
12. Illegal plants, like marijuana, are prohibited by city, state and federal law.
13. Report any problems at the garden to Parks and Recreation at 764-3805.
14. Do not allow your children to play with the hoses or faucets.
15. When you leave, please ensure that the water faucet is turned off and that all tools are returned to their locked location.
16. The hoses and faucets are for use by the gardeners. After using them, you are responsible for turning them off. Additionally, it is expected that you keep the hoses in good condition.
17. All the trash should be thrown into the appropriate garbage bins.
18. Compost area and appropriate materials defined in kiosk bulletins.
19. A gardener may not have more than two plots unless returning from the previous season in good standing, until after May 1, 2018 depending on availability.
20. No more than 3 plots per gardener.
21. Pets are allowed in the community garden on a leash and must be cleaned up after.

Gardener's Signature

Date

Plot Number