Community Garden Guidelines



The Community Garden Program provides an opportunity for the recreational gardener to experience many social, psychological and physical benefits and the joys of working with the soil.

The Community Garden opens mid-April and closes mid-October (weather permitting)
Hours are dawn to dusk daily

- **1. The City of Renton** will provide initial rototilling, water to the site, provide compost, garbage and recycle bins, and program administration.
- **2. Garden plots** are to be used for recreational gardening. Produce and/or flowers are not to be sold.
- **3.** Gardeners are assigned a key that will open padlocks at both entrances, as well as the storage area. Gardeners must lock gate behind them each time they enter/exit garden.
- 4. No chemical fungicides, herbicides or pesticides allowed (i.e. Diazinon/Roundup). Gardeners must use organic/natural methods.
- **5. Gardeners are required** to provide cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering and care of their area. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are to remove all non-plant material, including string, poles, plastic ground covers, cans, etc.
- **6.** Wood stakes and PVC are allowed in plot. For everyone's safety, no metal of any kind is permitted in the garden EXCEPT round tomato cages.
- **7. Hoses are permissible.** Sprinklers are not. Please limit watering to your own plot.
- **8.** Please respect your neighbors' plots; this includes containing your plants inside your assigned space and not encroaching on the walk paths between spaces.
- **9. All participants** need to properly dispose of garbage, recycle and compost in the appropriate bins.

- **10. Soil may not be brought** into garden plot sites or removed from the garden without written permission of the Community Garden Coordinator.
- **11. Assigned garden plots** that show no sign of being worked within one month of assignment will become subject to reassignment.
- **12. No motorized vehicles** or equipment are allowed in the garden area except small roto-tillers. Electricity is not available at the garden site.
- 13. Dogs or other animals are not allowed in the garden area. Children must be accompanied by an adult and are not allowed to run free in the garden plot area.
- 14. Parking is available on the street.

 Gardeners may park at the Renton Senior Activity Center on weekends only. No parking is allowed at any time at the City of Renton Shops.
- **15. Storage of garden tools** or equipment is allowed in the fenced storage area next to the greenhouse; all tools and equipment must be removed by the last day of the Community Garden Program.
- **16.** The City of Renton cannot guarantee against vandalism or theft. Gardeners who observe vandalism or theft should notify the Renton Police Department.



Failure to comply with the above guidelines or the Rules & Regulations as set forth by the City of Renton may result in Community Garden Program forfeiture.

