

Rules for Gardeners

Jefferson Township Community Gardens

1. Payment of fees must be made at Township office and a plot will be assigned before gardening can begin. Plots are 10 feet by 10 feet for \$30 (non-residents--\$50). One-half of the amount is a refundable security deposit (see item 9 below). Gardeners may purchase up to two garden plots. The garden area is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week.
2. All gardeners must sign that they've read and agree to the rules and execute an indemnification agreement.
3. Family members are welcome. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Please take measures to ensure children don't disturb other plots. Pets are not permitted.
4. Cars and motorized vehicles are not allowed outside of the driveways and parking lot.
5. Do not remove the boundary marking stakes from the garden site. These belong to Jefferson Township.
6. Dispose of weeds and plant materials in the designated compost area. Use trash receptacles and recycling bins for all non-organic trash (paper, plastic, etc.). Keep rocks, tools, and anything else out of pathways and borders. They make mowing impossible.
7. Use of herbicides and black plastic mulches is prohibited. Please conserve the use of water by mulching with organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings, or straw.
8. If vandalism or theft occurs, call 855-4260 immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces. Check the garden bulletin board and your e-mail for updates and alerts.
9. By October 18, to ensure return of the security deposit, all vegetation & debris must be removed from your plot. Plots must be cleared of fencing and all other inorganic materials by that date.
10. Be considerate of your neighbors: Do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with others. Harvest only from your assigned plot. Do not spray on windy days. Keep crop-damaging insects and weeds under control. When possible, use earth-friendly pesticides.
11. No illegal plants or substances of any kind are permitted. All Jefferson Township Park Rules are to be followed while at garden. Rules are posted on the bulletin board and may be downloaded by visiting www.jeffersontownship.org.
12. All plots will be inspected on a regular basis. Renters of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet the above guidelines will be notified. Failure to correct problems within 7 days of notification will result in forfeiture of the plot.

Jefferson Community Gardens, Contacts

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