



Gateway to the Gorge

Washougal Community Garden Policy Agreement

Garden Program Eligibility

The Community Garden Program is open to Washougal Residents.

Garden Plot Leases

Garden plot leases run January 1 to December 31, regardless of when the plot is leased. Plots must be renewed annually. Garden plot fees are due each year at the time of registration-plot fees are not prorated.

Plot Sizes and Annual Fees

Plot Name	Size	Fee
Standard	8'x4'	\$17.00
Low income (\$20,000 gross income)	8'x4'	\$14.00
Senior Citizen (who is 65 or older)	8'x4'	\$14.00

Refund Policy

Garden plot fees are *non-refundable*. If you need to relinquish your plot lease or are removed from the program during the season, fees are non-refundable.

Each year, garden program participants must complete required paperwork and attend an orientation meeting by April 1. If you are unable to complete these requirements your lease will be terminated, and plot fee(s) will be: Returned to your credit card.

Community Garden Rules

General

- Gardening hours are from 6 am to 9 pm or dusk, whichever comes earlier. The use of power equipment is restricted to the hours of 9 am to 6 pm
- Alcohol, smoking, vaping, and tobacco use is prohibited in all garden areas.
- Garden plots are privately leased. Do not enter any plot other than your own without express permission.
- Only harvest from your own plot unless you have explicit permission from the plot lease holder to harvest in another garden plot.
- All community garden tools, items, and infrastructure provided by Parks & Recreation are for community use on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone using tools or installations may continue use for the length of time needed.
- Unless other restrictions apply, dogs must always be on a leash with one end of the leash attached to the dog and the other end attached to a human or something immovable. You are always responsible for your pet, and assume all responsibility for its actions, including any damage to persons or property.

- Children are welcome in our gardens but must always be accompanied by an adult. Children must be respectful of garden members and garden plot privacy.
- If you would like to play music, please use a personal sound system with headphones so others may enjoy the quiet of the garden.

Pesticides/Herbicides

Washougal's community garden is **organic**. The use of unapproved herbicides and pesticides, including Roundup, is strictly prohibited. *Anyone using synthetic herbicides or pesticides will be immediately removed from the program and not permitted to re-enroll at a later time. You will be responsible for any damage or injury resulting from the use of unapproved herbicides or pesticides.*

To find products approved for organic gardening, consult the OMRI Products Lists (Organic Materials Review Institute). If a product appears on this list, we will generally allow its use in the garden. However, even if a product is on this list, check with your Park Coordinator as some products may not be suitable for our garden environment even though they are generally approved for organic gardening practice.

The internet is an abundant source of advice and information on organic gardening and insect and pest control methods. Do not employ a practice without checking with your Park Coordinator. Not all practices described as "organic" are appropriate for a community garden setting and may even be harmful or have unintended consequences.

Fertilizers

We do not have specific rules concerning fertilizers and their use.

We encourage all our gardeners to understand and care for their soils, to compost, and use organic amendments and fertilizers where appropriate. However, there are non-organically sourced slow-release fertilizers that are good sources of nutrition and which do not harm healthy soils.

Prohibited Plants

For the health of the garden, and to comply with Federal, State, and local law(s), we have a few restrictions on what you can plant:

- No federally controlled plants, including cannabis.
- No tobacco.
- Trees are only allowed in pots which are raised off the ground sufficiently to keep roots from penetrating the soil.
- No cane fruits (i.e., raspberries, blackberries, marionberries, etc.) are allowed in the garden.
- Mint is only allowed in pots which are raised off the ground sufficiently to keep roots from penetrating the soil.

Other plants may be prohibited if they become a nuisance.

Planting prohibited plants or failing to remove them, will result in your removal from the program or loss of the privilege to renew.

Tool Shed Use

Washougal Community Garden has a tool shed where community tools, hoses, wheelbarrows, water keys and other miscellaneous garden items are stored. Please be aware of the following:

- Tool sheds must be kept locked.
- Do NOT share the tool shed lock combination with those not registered in the garden program.
- Everything stored in the tool sheds are for garden community use.
- Do NOT store personal items in tool sheds.
- Do NOT abandon unwanted items in tool sheds.
- Contact the Park Coordinator for garden equipment donation approval.
- Use of tool shed tools is at your own risk.

Name: _____ Date: _____