

CITY OF LAFAYETTE WILSON COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM

Rules and Regulations

A community garden is any piece of land that is cultivated by a group of people rather than a single family or individual. In Lafayette, our garden space is publicly held and commercial agriculture is not permitted. Gardeners are expected to abide by the following rules and maintain the garden as an enjoyable community asset for all members.

Water and Hoses:

- Use of water must be controlled and cannot be unattended.
- Per the City's Water Conservation Ordinance, HAND WATERING ONLY is permitted, broadcast watering is not allowed.
- Sprinklers are not allowed.
- There is no guarantee of water and pressure from the garden well. The City may need to shut off water to gardens due to weather concerns at any time during the season. Water shut off will be communicated via e-mail.

Plot Maintenance:

- Herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers made from synthetic chemicals are not permitted.
- Plots must be maintained at all times, with weeds under control and produce being harvested.
- Plot maintenance is the gardener's responsibility as designated above. If a plot does not meet the community gardens standards the City reserves the right to cancel your plot.
- If you choose to give up your plot at the end of the growing season and not renew your plot rental for that plot for the next year, make sure your plot is free of vegetation and turn the soil.

Path Maintenance:

- Paths must be maintained on all sides of your plot.
- Paths must be maintained weed free. Carpet is not an acceptable weed barrier.

Fences:

- Low, well maintained fences are permitted around a plot.
- The fences can be between 1-3 feet high and must be entirely within your plots boundaries.
- Fences must be removed if the plot is forfeited.

Not Permitted:

- Trees are not permitted in garden plots.
- No pets are allowed in the gardens; however, working service animals are permitted.
- Smoking and chewing tobacco is not permitted on the Community Gardens Property. Tobacco carries Tobacco Mosaic Virus which is lethal to tomato plants.

Music: If you want to listen to music while gardening, please use headphones.

Trash Removal: A dumpster will be provided during the growing season. This is for garden clean-up only, please no personal refuse.

Neglect/Forfeiture: If you are unable to tend your plot for an extended period of time, please notify Becca Mack at 303-661-1467. If your plot is untended for 2 or more weeks without notice, it may be reassigned without refund and the contents donated.

Plot Billing:

- Plot payment is due in full at time of registration.
- Annual payment is non-refundable and not prorated after the yearly billing date.

Important Dates for 2022

January 10: Resident Garden Plot Sign-Up Opens

January 17: Non-Resident Garden Plot Sign-Up Opens

The 2022 Season starts in April, weather permitting.

Depending on weather and regional drought conditions, it is anticipated the hand-watering spigot(s) at the Garden will be turned on in April and kept on as conditions permit. Please watch for updates.

Important Phone Numbers and Contact Information:

Community Garden Application Administrator: 303-661-1467 or becca.mack@lafayetteco.gov

I have read and fully understand and agree to the rules above:

Gardeners Name: _____ Date: _____

Gardeners Signature: _____

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RECREATION PROGRAM RELEASE

In consideration of my participation and or that of my child or ward in the City of Lafayette (“City”) Recreation Department's programs or activities, do hereby for all, to the extent permitted by law assume the risk of participation and waive and release the City, its officers and employees from any and all claims, actions, or demands for any injury, loss, or damage arising out of, or related to participation in the programs or activities, whether or not such is caused by the act, error, omission, negligence or fault of the City, its officers or employees. I also on behalf of myself and my child or ward consent to the City's publication of photographs taken of any of us during our participation in the Recreation Department's programs or activities.

Self/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____