

2023 Lakewood Community Gardener Agreement

Rules, Terms and Conditions for Participation in 2023

Introduction

The Garden Board Coordinators have managing authority at the Lakewood Community Garden. See attached sheet for names and contact information for current Garden Board members. Please note that your contact information will be shared with them.

Breaking any rules, terms and/or conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.

1. You will receive one (1) verbal warning from the Garden Coordinator(s).
2. If no response or corrective action has been made, you will receive written notification after 10 days.
3. If another 10 days have passed and no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot after one year, at the recommendation of the Garden Coordinator(s), as space allows.
5. If you disagree with the decision of the coordinators, you can appeal to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director.

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If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms and conditions:

1. My participation is voluntary as a member of The Lakewood Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is \$20 per plot, per year. This fee is due at time of registration. There are no refunds. Returning plot owners can renew their plot after January 1 and have until February 15 to renew previously assigned plot. After that all unrenewed plots are available to new gardeners. If there are any remaining available plots after March 15, any registered gardener may apply for a second plot. Any returning gardener requesting a change of plot will only be able to if the intended plot is available and the gardener's previous plot has been cleaned out for a new gardener assigned to that plot.
3. Once assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within two weeks or no later than May 15th (whichever is later). Any unused plot will be forfeited by the gardener and will be used by the garden coordinators to plant and raise produce to donate to a food bank.
4. My plot is 4' x 8', with the exception of plots 1-4. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot. I will keep my plot and the accompanying walkway free of weeds, pests and diseases.
5. I will use the two blue plastic bins for all weeds that come from my plot and walkway. I will put any dead plants, leaves and other plant parts in the two concrete-block compost stations in the far corner of the garden. All other garden-generated materials go in the metal garbage can. I am encouraged to take plastic bottles and other containers home to recycle. Any tools I bring from my home I will clearly mark with my name.

6. I will have no more than two (2) plots in the Lakewood Community Garden. If I adopt an abandoned plot during the season, I will be happy to relinquish it the following year based upon demand.
7. I will not plant any illegal plant, or any plant currently described as illegal under Federal law. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or gamble in the garden. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
8. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter The Garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated herein. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. The only exception is a person that I have asked to water and/or harvest my plot when I am unable to be at the garden or incapacitated. If circumstances prevent me from gardening for longer term, I will contact one of the coordinators and all harvested produce will be donated to the food bank.
9. I will water my plot according to water-wise principles.
10. All Lakewood Community gardeners will be invited and are encouraged to attend at least one general meeting per year, either in the spring or the fall. It is the intent of the board to offer periodic gardening workshops during the growing season.
11. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the approval of The Garden Coordinators.
12. I will absolutely not give any garden lock combination to another person.
13. At the end of the garden season or no later than November 1st. I will clean up my plots so it is ready for the next garden season. Should this expectation be ignored I can potentially be denied a garden plot the following growing season.
14. I will harvest produce from ONLY my plot. I will not harvest from other plots, including the community plots without the expressed permission of other gardeners regarding their plot.
14. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use profane language or discriminate against others.
15. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize in a neighborly manner.
16. BY SIGNING BELOW, The City Gardener does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Lakewood, its officials, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, coordinators and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, suits at law or at equity, liabilities, losses, judgments, liens, expenses, and costs arising out of or occasioned by the performance, act, and/or omissions related to the Gardener activities conducted at a City park, managed site, street or right of way. The Gardener, as evidence by their signature below, does further agree to defend all such claims, actions or suits at his or her own expense. In the event of recovery due to the aforementioned circumstances, the Gardener shall pay any judgment or lien arising from such action, including any and all costs as part thereof. Further, the Gardener does hereby give permission to have his or her photo taken during this event and used for City purposes.

New: children's garden.

1. There will be no charge for a child's plot
2. At least 4 small plots, 2' x 3', are available to a child or grandchild of a current registered gardener in order of gardener request.
3. Eligible child gardeners are between the ages of 3 and 12.
4. A child's plot is expected to be planted no later than May 23 and cleaned out no later than November 1.
5. All children need to be accompanied by an adult whenever in the garden.

