



## Green House Community Garden Rules

These rules are designed to help the community garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. However, any gardener who does not comply with these rules after a warning will lose their plot, which will be re-assigned without a refund.

- Garden applicants must be 18 years or older and a Burien resident.
- All gardeners must provide 8 hours of service annually to the community garden common areas.
- Gardeners are allowed one garden plot per resident household each year (April 1 – March 31.) Applicants can be added to the waitlist for an additional plot, availability will be determined by the first Wednesday in April. Returning gardeners have first priority to renew a garden plot. Returning applicants need to complete the garden application and return payment by the first Friday in March.
- Garden plots for New gardeners will be open to the Burien Community starting the second Monday in March. New garden applicants need to complete the garden application and return payment no later than the last business day in March.
- Gardeners MUST attend the orientation meeting held at the community garden on the first Wednesday in April at 6 pm.
- The community garden participants will form a five member Garden Board by the first Saturday in May to represent the group's interests and be the communication liaison with the city.
- Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end of season clean up, and all other care of their plots. Plants on the State's Noxious Weed list are not Allowed.
- Gardeners must begin working in their assigned plots by the second Sunday in May. To maximize use of limited space, plots not worked by the last Sunday in May will be reassigned and no refund given.
- All plots are rented for one year, beginning in April. However, by October 31st gardeners who are not winter gardening are required to remove all materials from their plots including pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, tools, etc. If gardeners fail to adequately clean out their plots, they will lose their plot space.
- The Burien Community Gardening Program is an organic gardening program. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden. Fully composted chicken or steer manures are allowed.
- Motorized vehicles and equipment, with the exception of small tillers, are not allowed in the gardens.
- Community Gardens are to be used for recreational gardening of vegetables and flowers for family use only. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- Place community garden plant materials in the designated compost areas. Do not pile weeds, debris or rocks in the pathways.
- There will be no on-site garbage collection. All garbage, unused plant containers and debris must be removed from the community garden area.

- Gardeners will have access to water spigot key, hoses and access to the park house for storage and temporary shelter from weather. Water will be turned off during winter months -- please plan accordingly.
- Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and other irrigation may not be left on unattended. Please conserve water as much as possible, and minimize use of sprinklers, especially between 10am – 6pm.
- If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify police by calling non-emergency at 206-296-3311 to file a report, as well as the Parks Office 206-988-3700. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TOOLS OR SUPPLIES IN THE GARDENS!**
- Dogs and other animals are NOT allowed in the garden area at any time.
- There is no smoking in the gardens and community areas.
- Since plots are close together, gardeners must keep plots relatively free of weeds, especially when weeds are seeding, to avoid spreading them to other plots.
- No wildflowers, trees or shrubs.