

## **WBRP West Bloomington Community Garden Guidelines**

Welcome to the West Bloomington Community Garden. We are happy to have you here gardening with us. The Community Garden is a shared space designed for all to enjoy. Please follow the guidelines outlined in this document to ensure everyone has a pleasant and successful gardening experience.

### General Guidelines

- The garden plot fee is \$25. We will use this money for repairs to equipment and to ensure that we always have gas in the mower and tiller.
- Garden membership is not transferable.
- Plots must be worked by the second Sunday in May. If your plot is not worked or attended by this time, it may be reassigned without a refund.
- Please respect your neighbor's garden. Do not harvest vegetables from other plots unless given permission to do so by that plot user.
- Please remove any trash, including empty pots and trays, from the garden area. There is a pot recycling bin at the garden.
- Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

### Crops & Plants

- The gardening season runs from the May 1 – October 31
- You may plant vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers in your plot. Please ensure sprawling or tall crops do not interfere with other gardeners' plots.

### Garden Maintenance

- Please care for your garden at least once a week. Regular maintenance includes weeding, watering, harvesting ripe produce and removing all dead or diseased plants. Gardeners whose plots are consistently weedy or unattended will be contacted by email or phone. Once contacted, the plot must be cleaned up within 7 days. Continued inactivity will be viewed as abandonment of the garden plot and the plot will be forfeited without refund.
- Please make arrangements for plot maintenance by a friend if you will be away for more than a week due to vacation, illness, etc.
- Weeds and garden debris should be placed in the compost bins. Please use the bins to the south of the garden.
- We have hired someone to mow and keep the garden neat. Please cooperate and be sure to keep the borders or your bed weeded to make mowing easier.

### Water

- Hoses are hung on the hose reels attached to the water hydrant. Be sure they are wound back up on the reels and that the hydrant is OFF when you are finished. Please be courteous and limit your use of watering time when others require water.
- Please practice water conservation and use on site water sparingly. Mulch should be used to reduce evaporation.
- Please do not leave sprinklers unattended

### Tools

- Tools and the hose will be stored in the shed. Please clean and return borrowed tools to the storage area and keep the hose neatly rolled up.
- The tools are available to everyone; however, once they are gone or damaged they will not be replaced.
- Please clean the tiller and the mower after using to make it easier for the next person.
- You will be given a key to the shed. Please keep track of it!

### Gardening Programs

- There will be an opening event and a closing event for the garden. We hope you will join us for these garden activities.
- The WBRP Seed Library is free and is available if you wish to start plants. Visit the WBRP during operating hours.
- There is a Facebook page for gardeners: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/98185580164/>
- If you have extra produce to donate, please consider dropping it off for the WBRP Veggie Oasis on Saturday mornings

### Emergencies

- If there is an emergency at the garden and you need medical help or the police, please call 9-1-1. The address to give the 9-1-1 operator is 505 N Roosevelt Avenue.
- As soon as you are able, please call the WBRP at 309-829-1200 to report the emergency.
- There is a basic first aid kit in the garden shed.

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