

Gardening Rules and Etiquette 2024

Welcome to the community garden. We have a few rules that help to make the garden successful.

*This is an organic garden.

This means herbicides and pesticides are **NOT** allowed. (ie. Roundup, Sevan, etc.)

Natural products such as Neem oil, Safer insecticide soap, etc. can be used to control bugs and disease.

Natural fertilizers like Miraclegro, garden soil, composted manure and additives and nutrients that improve growth nutrients are fine.

*Regular maintenance of your garden plot guarantees a better harvest and happier neighboring gardeners.

Gardeners are required to plant, water, weed and regularly harvest their plots. Any extra harvest you may have can be donated to the Portland Food Bank.

Plots need to be maintained (ie. weeded) to be as weed free as possible. We can recommend several ways to keep the weeds in check. Not only will this help your plants grow better, your neighbors will appreciate it!

We recommend that as plants die off they be pulled. Also, please harvest ripe plants throughout season so they don't rot and attract bugs and other critters.

*At end of season, gardens need to be cleaned.

All remaining growth, plants, weeds, dead or alive, need to be cleared from your plot by mid-October. This especially includes sunflowers.

This will prevent weeds from overwintering and make it easier to prepare plots for the next growing season.

*Remember, this is a *Community Garden*, please be respectful of your neighbors' plots!

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