

2014 Policies and Rules of the WILSON COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM

Herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers made from synthetic chemicals are not permitted.

PLOT MAINTENANCE

Plots must be reasonably maintained at all times. Gardens do not have to be picture perfect and absolutely weed free. Reasonable maintained means weeds are under control and produce is being harvested. Plants must not exceed the plot's boundaries. Low fences can be used to contain unruly crops. Plots must be cleared of all plants and soil should be turned by November 8. Do not expand your plot beyond the staked limits! Pathways are 4 to 5 feet wide!

PLASTIC USE

Please do not use exposed black plastic in the gardens. It can blow away and cause a nuisance in the neighborhood. Remove plastic products from your plot at end of season.

PLOT NEGLECT

If you are unable to tend your plot for an extended period of time, please notify the Community Garden office at 303-665-4206. If a plot appears untended (weeds overgrown or unharvested) you will receive a "weedy warning" letter. You will have 14 days from the date of the letter to clean up your plot. If it is not cleaned up after 14 days, your plot will be reassigned and your plot fee and garden contents will be forfeited.

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. Mowing pathway is allowed.

FENCES

Low, well maintained fences are permitted around a plot. The fences must be at least 1 foot and not greater than 3 feet in height. The fences must be entirely within the plot's boundaries. Barbed wire is prohibited. The base of the fence must be kept weeded. Fences must be removed by November 8.

VEHICLES/TRAFFIC

Vehicles are not allowed in gardens.

TIRES

Tires are not permitted on site because they leach cadmium into the soil and plants.

WATER & HOSES

Use of water should be controlled. Do not leave water on unattended. Hoses must be of a sound nature and not leak. Timers are not acceptable. City makes no guarantee to water availability and pressure from garden well.

TOOLS

There will be no garden tools or hoses provided. There is no storage and the City of Lafayette is not held responsible for theft.

PERENNIALS

Most perennials are permitted. Cane fruit (raspberries, blackberries, etc.) and fruit trees are not permitted.

SMOKING

Smoking and chewing tobacco is not permitted on the Community Garden property. Tobacco carries Tobacco Mosaic Virus which is a very lethal disease to tomato plants.

PETS

No pets are allowed in the gardens.

MUSIC

If you desire to listen to a radio, tape or CD, while gardening, please use headphones.

TRASH REMOVAL

No trash cans will be provided during the growing season. A dumpster will be available in October and November for cleaning of plots. In order to be eligible to rent a garden plot for next year, clean up is required at the end of the growing season.

THEFT

The City of Lafayette will not be held responsible for theft of any kind. If theft does occur, please contact the police department.

REFUND POLICY

If a garden plot is voluntarily relinquished and notification given to the Community Garden office by May 2, 2014, the plot will be reassigned and the plot fee, minus a \$10.00 processing fee, will be refunded. No refunds will be given after May 10.

SHARING SURPLUS

We request that excess produce be donated to Sister Carmen's, or share with friends and neighbors.

SELLING

Produce is to be grown for personal consumption and sharing only. Produce may not be sold.

I have read and fully understand the above.

Participant's Name _____ Date _____

Participant's Signature _____

